



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016 ON PAGE 155]

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6   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD  
7   OF SUPERVISORS' MAY 24, 2016 MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.  
8   THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY THE REVEREND WOOGIE  
9   DANIEL KIM, LEAD PASTOR, SHALOM CHURCH OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
10  ENGLISH MINISTRY IN TORRANCE, REPRESENTING THE FOURTH  
11  DISTRICT, AND THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY SCOTT F.  
12  MCKEE, MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION LOS ANGELES, REPRESENTING  
13  THE THIRD DISTRICT. WILL ALL PLEASE RISE?

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15  **REV. WOOGIE DANIEL KIM:** THANK YOU. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE  
16  TO JUST BLESS ALL OF YOU. I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU THIS  
17  MORNING THAT AS WE COME, WE HAVE A LOT OF AGENDA. I'M SURE  
18  THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO US, BUT LET ME JUST SIMPLY REMIND  
19  YOU THAT WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND WE ARE VERY SMALL AND  
20  WE ARE OUR FAMILIES, WE ARE OUR CHILDREN, WE ARE OUR COMMUNITY  
21  AND THEY ARE A REFLECTION OF WHO WE ARE. SO I JUST WANT US TO  
22  TAKE A MOMENT TO BE REMINDED OF THAT AND THAT WE MAY BE  
23  CENTERED. AND TODAY I WILL BE PRAYING FOR ALL OF US HERE IN  
24  THIS ROOM. SO LET US PRAY. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE ARE YOUR  
25  CHILDREN. OUR EXISTENCE PLEASES YOU. YOU KNOW US. YOU KNOW OUR





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1 BROKENNESS, OUR FAILURES. YOU EVEN KNOW OUR DEEPEST SECRETS.  
2 AND YET, YOU LOVE US. BECAUSE WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE WE  
3 ARE IN YOUR EYES, HELP US TO BE SIMPLY YOUR CHILDREN TODAY. WE  
4 ASK YOU TO HELP US TODAY, MAKE US WHOLE, REMIND US THAT HOPE  
5 WILL COME TO THOSE WHO SEEK IT FROM YOU. HELP US TO BE  
6 VULNERABLE TO YOU. HELP US TO LET YOU TOUCH US WHERE WE HURT  
7 SO THAT YOU MAY HEAL US THAT OUR SORROWS TURN INTO JOY. HEAL  
8 OUR HOMES. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY TRYING TO HELP STRANGERS THAT WE  
9 HAVE MADE STRANGERS OUT OF OUR FAMILIES. HELP US TO BELIEVE  
10 THAT THERE IS STILL HOPE, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ALMIGHTY GOD AND  
11 WE TRUST IN YOU. FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR HOPE. HEAL OUR  
12 RELATIONSHIPS. EVEN IN THIS ROOM, REMIND US THAT WE ARE FELLOW  
13 PATRIOTS, THAT WE ARE NEIGHBORS, THAT WE ARE FELLOW SERVANTS  
14 AND COWORKERS WHO WANT TO MAKE THIS COUNTRY, COUNTY, A PLACE  
15 OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, WHERE THE WEAK GET STRONG AND THE STRONG  
16 LEARN HUMBLE SERVICE. FILL THIS ROOM WITH YOUR LOVE, AND LET  
17 THIS LOVE PRODUCE JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR US. WE PRAY THIS IN  
18 YOUR MERCY. AMEN.

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20 **SCOTT F. MCKEE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SCOTT MCKEE, THE  
21 DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR THE  
22 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I'M GOING TO LEAD YOU IN THE PLEDGE OF  
23 ALLEGIANCE. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A  
24 VETERAN, YOU'RE FREE TO SALUTE. I AM NAVY TRADITION, SO I



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1 UNCOVER WHEN I DO THE PLEDGE. PLEASE FOLLOW AFTER ME. [PLEDGE  
2 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

5 IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME LEAD PASTOR DANIEL KIM OF

6 THE ENGLISH MINISTRY IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SHALOM CHURCH

7 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCATED IN TORRANCE. FOR THE PAST 20

8 YEARS, HE HAS SERVED THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH

9 BAY BY PROMOTING THE CELEBRATION OF UNITY, BY BRINGING

10 CHURCHES TOGETHER FOR THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE BOTH LOCALLY

11 AND GLOBALLY. MORE RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN DEVOTING HIS TIME AND

12 ENERGY TO BRINGING THE CHURCHES TOGETHER TO HELP HOMELESS

13 CHILDREN IN SCHOOL, PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHEAST

14 ASIA, AND HELPING THE REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM MYANMAR AND

15 THAILAND. HE'S ALSO SERVING AS CO-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF

16 DIRECTORS FOR KOREAN CHURCHES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND

17 THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT

18 BIOLA UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF LA

19 MIRADA, AND AS A COFOUNDER OF SOUTH BAY TOGETHER. WE

20 APPRECIATE HIM TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO DO

21 THE INVOCATION. AND I WOULD ADD, TOO, THAT PART OF HIS, AS HE

22 LEARNED IN HIS MINISTRY, WAS SURVIVING BEING THE YOUTH PASTOR

23 FOR MY STAFF MEMBER, REBECCA KIM. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU.

24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. OUR PLEDGE THIS  
4 WEEK WAS LED BY U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS SCOTT  
5 MCKEE, RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, WHO SERVED IN SAUDI  
6 ARABIA, QATAR AND EGYPT AND WAS MOST RECENTLY PART OF THE  
7 NAVY'S MOBILE UNDERSEA WARFARE UNIT. OFFICER MCKEE IS HIGHLY  
8 DECORATED, HAVING RECEIVED DOZENS OF COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS,  
9 AND RIBBONS FOR HIS SERVICE. PLEASE HELP ME TO THANK HIM.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE. THIS MORNING WE'LL  
13 NOW HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL THE AGENDA.

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15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
17 REPORT. ON ITEM NO. 1, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS REQUESTED  
18 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 31, 2016. ON PAGE 4,  
19 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, THIS ITEM WILL  
21 BE HELD WITH ITEM 1-H AND 5 FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 7,  
22 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H,  
23 THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD WITH ITEM 1-D AND ITEM NO. 5 FOR PUBLIC  
24 HEARING. ON PAGE 8, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8, THESE  
25 ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. AND ON ITEM NO. 9,



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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE  
2 28, 2016, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT ITEM  
3 IS BEFORE YOU.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
6 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 12, WE BEGIN WITH  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 10 THROUGH  
10 19. ON ITEM 14, AS REVISED AND REQUESTED, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
11 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
12 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 31ST, AND THAT WAS AS POSTED ON THE  
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 15, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
14 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, THIS ITEM WAS  
15 REVISED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE  
16 BEFORE YOU. AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT NO. 18 BE  
17 HELD, AS WELL.

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19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
20 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 18, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
23 20 THROUGH 26, ON ITEMS 20 AND 21, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
24 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, THE CHIEF



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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY  
2 5, 2016, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE  
3 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
6 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 22, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
9 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
10 OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE  
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA NOTES THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL  
12 BE TELECONFERENCING FROM 1100 K STREET, SUITE 400, SACRAMENTO,  
13 CALIFORNIA. HE WILL BE ABSENT FROM TODAY'S MEETING. ON ITEM  
14 27-A AND ITEM 27-B, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT  
15 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON 27-C, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT  
16 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27-D, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THESE ITEMS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
19 KNABE. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 27-E, SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27-F, THIS ITEM IS  
23 BEFORE YOU.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   ANTONOVICH. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
3   ORDER.

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5   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 25, NOTICES OF CLOSED  
6   SESSION FOR MAY 24, 2016. ON ITEM C.S.-1, AS NOTED ON THE  
7   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
8   REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM C.S.-2, A MEMBER OF THE  
9   PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM C.S.-3,  
10   COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK  
11   TO MAY 31, 2016, AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON  
12   ITEM C.S.-4, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS  
13   ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD  
14   OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
15   NO. 1.

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17   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY. THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE  
18   BOARD. THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO PRESENT AND INVITE THE NEW  
19   CONSUL GENERAL OF PARAGUAY IN LOS ANGELES, THE HONORABLE  
20   ROBERTO BENITEZ TO COME FORWARD. THE CONSUL GENERAL IS A  
21   CAREER OFFICER WITH THE PARAGUAYAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
22   AFFAIRS. HE OVERSEES POSTS THAT HAVE INCLUDED THE MINISTER IN  
23   EMBASSY OF PARAGUAY IN BRAZIL FROM 2004 TO 2009, CONSUL OF THE  
24   EMBASSY OF PARAGUAY IN ROME, ITALY FROM 1996 TO 2000, AND  
25   CONSUL IN GENOA, ITALY IN 1994 AND IN MILAN, ITALY IN 1995. HE



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1 EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE  
2 POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL OF EUROPEAN STUDIES AND HIS LAW DEGREE AT  
3 THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ASUNCION IN PARAGUAY. HE SPEAKS  
4 ITALIAN, ENGLISH, AS WELL AS SPANISH. HE CAME TO LOS ANGELES  
5 FROM HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF EUROPEAN  
6 AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ON BEHALF OF THE  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT WE  
8 REPRESENT, WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL BENITEZ TO  
9 LOS ANGELES AND WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO HIM AND TO HIS  
10 COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **HON. ROBERTO BENITEZ:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MS. HILDA  
13 SOLIS, SUPERVISORS. I COME FROM A SMALL COUNTRY SITUATED IN  
14 THE HEART OF SOUTH AMERICA. [SPEAKING SPANISH]

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16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] IF ALL THE MEMBERS  
17 WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US? MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

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19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE AND  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THAT MAY IS FOSTER  
21 CARE AWARENESS MONTH. AND TODAY I'M VERY PLEASED AND DELIGHTED  
22 TO BE MAKING THIS VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION. THE INDIVIDUALS  
23 BEHIND ME TODAY PERFORM, AS YOU MAY KNOW, A VERY IMPORTANT  
24 ROLE IN OUR SOCIETY AS FOSTER PARENTS AND KINSHIP PROVIDERS.  
25 I'D LIKE TO START WITH THE INDIVIDUALS FROM MY OWN DISTRICT.



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1 OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, MR. AND MRS. AMES HAVE PROVIDED  
2 FOSTER CARE FOR FIVE CHILDREN, INCLUDING A 15-YEAR-OLD CHINESE  
3 BOY WHO REUNIFIED WITH HIS FAMILY RECENTLY. IN ADDITION,  
4 THEY'RE PURSUING ADOPTION OF A FILIPINO CHILD CURRENTLY IN  
5 THEIR CARE, AS FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES HAS NOT BEEN  
6 SUCCESSFUL. MRS. AMES HAS BEEN EXTREMELY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE  
7 ASIAN-CHINESE-AMERICAN FOSTER RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE SINCE IT  
8 WAS LAUNCHED BACK IN JANUARY OF 2015 TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS  
9 OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT FOSTER PARENTS TO  
10 PROVIDE FOSTER CARE TO CHILDREN OF ASIAN DESCENT. SHE HAS  
11 SPOKEN AT LOCAL INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS AND WAS INTERVIEWED  
12 RECENTLY ON N.P.R., K.P.C.C. AND ON JULIETTE'S L.A. LIVING  
13 SHOW ON L.A.18, AS WELL AS OTHER NEWS OUTLETS AND BROADCAST  
14 MEDIA TO PROMOTE SUCH NEED. D.C.F.S. IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE  
15 FAMILIES LIKE MR. AND MRS. AMES WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE  
16 OF PROVIDING A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SIMILAR IN CULTURE  
17 TO HELP GRIEVING CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN UPROOTED FROM THEIR  
18 BIRTH FAMILIES DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT. SO WE WANT TO  
19 CONGRATULATE YOU. THANK YOU. BECAUSE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
20 IS NOT WITH US TODAY, I'LL BE PRESENTING HIS HONOREES. THE  
21 INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE SECOND DISTRICT IS  
22 MISS EMMA CROSS. MISS CROSS HAS BEEN CARING FOR HER GREAT-  
23 GRANDCHILDREN FOR OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. SHE PROVIDES  
24 UNWAVERING LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN IN HER HOME. MISS  
25 CROSS IS RESOURCEFUL, SEEKING OUT RESOURCES IN HER COMMUNITY



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1 ON NETWORKING WITH OTHER RELATIVE CAREGIVERS. SHE IS WELL-  
2 RESPECTED WITHIN THE KINSHIP COMMUNITY AND HAS BECOME AN  
3 ADVOCATE FOR HERSELF AND FOR OTHERS. MISS CROSS, WE ARE SO  
4 PROUD THAT THE CHILDREN THAT YOU PROVIDE TO CONTINUE THEIR  
5 FOCUS ON EDUCATION AND HARMONY AND ALL THAT THEY DO, WE OWE  
6 YOU A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE FOR BOTH OF YOU. WE ARE VERY,  
7 VERY DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS AWARD  
8 TODAY. AND NOW I WILL ASK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO PLEASE ALSO  
9 RECOGNIZE HIS HONOREE.

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11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WILL RECOGNIZE JUNE BOOKER,  
12 WHO HAS MET ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS, AND THAT'S FOSTERING  
13 FOSTER CHILDREN. OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS, SHE HAS FOSTERED OVER  
14 61 CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE, INCLUDING THOSE WITH SPECIAL  
15 DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS. SHE ALWAYS HAD A GREAT PASSION FOR  
16 CHILDREN. SHE TOOK CARE OF MANY OF HER FAMILIES' MEMBERS  
17 CHILDREN, AND HAD A GREAT CHILDCARE BUSINESS FOR 10 YEARS. SHE  
18 THEN DECIDED SHE WANTED TO HELP FOSTER CHILDREN AND PROVIDE  
19 THAT LOVING GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION AND GIVE BACK TO HER  
20 COMMUNITY. THE CHILDREN IN OUR SYSTEM WHO ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH  
21 TO HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH HER CONTINUE TO BENEFIT WITH HER  
22 COMPASSION, HER COMMITMENT AND HER DEDICATION. SHE'S COMMITTED  
23 TO PROVIDING CARE FOR CHILDREN BECAUSE SHE KNOWS THAT WE HAVE  
24 A GREAT NEED FOR LOVING AND CARING PARENTS. SO WE WANT TO



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1    THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR  
2    LEADERSHIP AND IN DOING WHAT IS SO NECESSARY. [APPLAUSE.]

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4    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE HONOREE FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT COULD  
5    NOT ATTEND TODAY, BUT I KNOW THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY, SUPRISINGLY  
6    ENOUGH DO WATCH THIS ON TELEVISION, BECAUSE NEXT WEEK WE'RE  
7    GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT FAMILIES WHO CARE FOR THEIR  
8    RELATIVES, AS WELL. I'D LIKE TO JUST HONOR HER IN CASE ANYONE  
9    IS WATCHING. AND THE HONOREE FROM THE THIRD DISRICT IS BLANCA  
10   RODRIGUEZ. THERE'S A WELSH SAYING, "PERFECT LOVE SOMETIMES  
11   DOES NOT COME UNTIL THE FIRST GRANDCHILD." SO, WE WANTED TO  
12   RECOGNIZE THIS EXTRAORDINARY GRANDPARENT, WHO LIVES IN VAN  
13   NUYS, HAS BEEN PROVIDING KINSHIP CARE FOR HER GRANDSON BRIAN  
14   FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. HE'S CURRENTLY IN THE NINTH GRADE,  
15   ATTENDING GRANT HIGH SCHOOL, AND PARTICIPATING IN A TUTORING  
16   PROGRAM AFTER SCHOOL. HIS GRANDMOTHER IS SHOWING HIM AMAZING  
17   LOVE AND DEVOTION, TRYING TO HELP HIM TO OVERCOME TROUBLED  
18   TIMES IN THE PAST. SHE'S DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PROVIDE  
19   HIM WITH A STABLE ENVIRONMENT, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF  
20   SACRIFICING SOME OF HER OWN JOB OPPORTUNITIES. SO I WANTED TO  
21   MENTION HER, AND IF SHE'S WATCHING, TO CONGRATULATE HER. THANK  
22   YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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24   **SUP. KNABE:** IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, AS WELL, OUR HONOREE WAS  
25   NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, AND I THINK ONCE I READ THIS, YOU'LL





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1 UNDERSTAND WHY. FLORINA DAVINA, A MATERNAL AUNT, HAS BEEN  
2 PROVIDING KINSHIP CARE TO HER NIECE AND TWO NEPHEWS ALL UNDER  
3 THE AGE OF FIVE. MRS. DAVILA HAS BEEN CARING FOR HER NIECE AND  
4 NEPHEWS FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. SHE STEPPED UP TO CARING FOR  
5 THE TWO YOUNGEST THAT ARE ONLY MONTHS APART. SHE HAS  
6 DEMONSTRATED HER COMMITMENT TO THE CHILDREN BY LEAVING HER  
7 EMPLOYMENT TO CARE FULL-TIME FOR THEM. AND SHE DID NOT GIVE UP  
8 EVEN WHEN SHE WENT WITHOUT FUNDING FOR A FEW MONTHS. SHE  
9 PROVIDES UNWAVERING LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN. AND  
10 THEY ARE THRIVING IN HER CARE. MRS. FLORINA HAS DONE A  
11 WONDERFUL JOB CARING FOR THE CHILDREN AND IS VERY RESOURCEFUL  
12 TO ENSURE THE CHILDREN'S NEEDS ARE MET. SHE AND THE CHILDREN'S  
13 FACES HAVE BECOME QUITE FAMILIAR, WITH OUR STAFF HAS BEEN VERY  
14 HAPPY COMMUNICATING WITH THE KINSHIP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.  
15 CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING ALSO  
18 TO PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR ON  
19 THIS DAY. LISA HENNESSY, RIGHT? AND HER HUSBAND SCOTT. THANK  
20 YOU. THANK YOU BOTH. OPEN APRIL 13TH OF 2004, THE LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMED THE SECOND WEEK OF  
22 APRIL AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK. DURING THE WEEK,  
23 TELECOMMUNICATORS THROUGHOUT THE NATION ARE RECOGNIZED FOR  
24 THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AND DEVOTION TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT  
25 THEY SERVE. MANY TIMES, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATORS ARE THE



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1 FIRST LINE OF ASSISTANCE WHEN THE COMMUNITY CALLS INTO THEIR  
2 DISPATCH. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE RARELY SEEN AND HEARD BY THE  
3 PUBLIC, DISPATCHERS ARE THE BEHIND THE SCENES LINK BETWEEN  
4 THOSE IN NEED AND THOSE THAT CAN HELP. THE DEPARTMENT'S  
5 TRADITION OF RECOGNIZING ONE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER EACH  
6 YEAR STARTED BACK IN 1986. IN CELEBRATION OF THIS EVENT,  
7 SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL RECOGNIZED THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS  
8 AND PRESENTED THIS YEAR'S PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF THE  
9 YEAR AWARD TO LISA HENNESSY. LISA STARTED HER CAREER AS A  
10 DISPATCHER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
11 BACK IN 2003 AND IS A QUALIFIED TRAINING OFFICER. SHE'S ALSO  
12 INVOLVED IN A PROJECT WHERE VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES ARE  
13 PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS WAYS. WE WANT TO THANK HER AND  
14 HER SPOUSE AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO PROVIDE THIS  
15 ASSISTANCE TO US. THOSE ARE THE SOMETIMES UNSEEN HEROS THAT  
16 HELP SAVE THE DAY. SO WE ARE HONORED TO PRESENT THIS AWARD  
17 SIGNED BY ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS AND I'LL ASK THEM TO COME  
18 FORWARD AND TAKE A QUICK PHOTO WITH US. [APPLAUSE.]

19  
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AT THIS TIME, THERE THEY  
23 ARE, I CALL FORWARD MARCIA MAYEDA, OUR DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CARE  
24 AND CONTROL. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS THROUGH THE HORSE CARE  
25 AND ADOPTIONS PROGRAM, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF



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1 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL HAS SUCCESSFULLY FOUND FOREVER HOMES  
2 FOR 153 HORSES AND IS COMMITTED TO BRING FORTH AWARENESS OF  
3 THIS WONDERFUL SPECIES. THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THE EQUINE  
4 RESPONSE TEAM IN 1999, WHICH HANDLES EVACUATIONS,  
5 TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING OF LARGE ANIMALS DURING DISASTERS  
6 AND EMERGENCIES. WITH PARTNERS SUCH AS THE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE  
7 AND CONTROL AND THE FOUNDATION, THEY'RE ABLE TO INVESTIGATE  
8 ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES, PROVIDING HOUSING AND MEDICAL CARE TO  
9 INJURED OR NEGLECTED HORSES AND FIND THEM NEW LOVING FOREVER  
10 HOMES. AT THIS TIME, I BELIEVE IT SAYS HERE, I'D LIKE TO SHOW  
11 YOU ONE OF THE LATEST SUCCESSFUL ADOPTIONS THE COUNTY WAS  
12 INVOLVED IN. A FEMALE MARE WAS BROUGHT INTO ONE OF THE  
13 COUNTY'S ANIMAL CARE CENTERS AFTER BEING RESCUED FROM THE  
14 DEPARTMENT FROM INHUMANE CONDITIONS AND GIVEN TIME AND  
15 EXCELLENT CARE. WILLOW WAS BROUGHT BACK TO FULL HEALTH AND WAS  
16 ABLE TO FIND HER FOREVER HOME ON APRIL 1ST OF THIS YEAR. HORSE  
17 CARE AND ADOPTION PROGRAMS DEMONSTRATE THE SUPPORT FOR THE  
18 EQUINE POPULATION OF THE COUNTY, WHICH ENRICHES THE LIVES OF  
19 ALL OF OUR FAMILIES. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HORSE  
20 ADOPTION, YOU CAN CALL THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN. IN ADDITION,  
21 WE'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE MENTION THAT TODAY THE BOARD IS  
22 SUPPORTING A MOTION THAT WE WILL BRING FORTH ON JUNE 4TH AS  
23 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND URGE EVERYONE TO  
24 EXPLORE OUR MULTI-USE TRAIL NETWORK, WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO GO  
25 OUT AND ENJOY HIKING, RIDING OR BIKING OUR TRAILS. MY OFFICE,



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1 ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE  
2 OTHER OFFICES, WILL COMMEMORATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY IN THE  
3 COUNTY WITH A MULTI-USE TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION ON JUNE 4TH AT  
4 PATHFINDER PARK IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M. THIS  
5 WILL INCLUDE TRAIL EXCURSIONS, EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, A TRAILS  
6 FAIR, FOOD, AND ENTERTAINMENT. SO WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO  
7 BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE  
8 COUNTY AND MULTI-USE TRAILS NETWORK. LASTLY, WE'D LIKE TO  
9 THANK PARKS AND RECREATION AND ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL FOR  
10 THEIR COORDINATED EFFORTS TO RECENTLY HELP US HIGHLIGHT THE  
11 COUNTY'S HORSE ADOPTION PROGRAM AND OUR COUNTY'S MULTI-USE  
12 TRAIL NETWORK. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE  
13 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL AND CONGRATULATE AND  
14 URGE YOU ALL TO JOIN US ON JUNE 4TH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'M REALLY HONORED AND  
17 PLEASED THAT WE'RE ABLE TO HIGHLIGHT OUR ADOPTION PROGRAM FOR  
18 THE DEPARTMENT. MANY PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND OR REALIZE THAT  
19 WE TAKE IN MANY MORE ANIMALS OTHER THAN DOGS AND CATS. AND WE  
20 DO TAKE IN A NUMBER OF HORSES EVERY YEAR THAT MAKE WONDERFUL  
21 COMPANIONS. THEY CAN BE VERY GOOD RIDING HORSES OR JUST  
22 COMPANIONS FOR EXISTING HORSES THAT MAY NEED ANOTHER FRIEND IN  
23 THE FIELD TO HANG OUT WITH THEM. SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS  
24 RECOGNITION, AND AS A FELLOW EQUESTRIAN THAT USES L.A. COUNTY  
25 TRAILS WITH MY HORSE, I REALLY ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO DO THAT,



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1 AS WELL. WE HAVE SOME BEAUTIFUL TRAILS IN L.A. COUNTY FOR  
2 HORSEBACK RIDING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO  
5 CALL UP BRIAN STIGER, OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF  
6 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. HIS STAFF AND THE GRADUATES OF  
7 OUR 2015/16 JUSTICECORPS INTERN PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM IS A  
8 HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP FOR MANY YEARS NOW BETWEEN OUR  
9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THERE HAVE  
11 BEEN OVER 160 JUSTICECORPS INTERNS, AND THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERED,  
12 LISTEN TO THIS, IN EXCESS OF 45,000 HOURS HELPING THE  
13 RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY GO THROUGH SOME LEGAL PROCESSES. THE  
14 INTERNS COME FROM MAJOR UNIVERSITIES LIKE U.C.L.A. AND U.S.C.,  
15 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, CAL STATE L.A., CAL STATE LONG BEACH.  
16 THEY VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO HELP RESIDENTS WITH KEY SERVICES,  
17 INCLUDING ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESS CLAIMS, WITH LAWSUITS,  
18 DEFENDING CASES, AND COLLECTING JUDGMENT. SO I JUST WANT A  
19 PERSONAL THANK YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT  
20 OF THIS PROGRAM AND MOST IMPORTANTLY A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE  
21 FOR OUR '15/'16 GRADUATES. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND HONORABLE  
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THIS YEAR'S '15/'16  
25 JUSTICECORPS MEMBERS. THE JUSTICECORPS, WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH





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1 THE JUSTICECORPS FOR OVER 10 YEARS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO  
2 THOSE CONSUMERS THAT ARE NAVIGATING THEMSELVES THROUGH THE  
3 SMALL CLAIMS COURT PROCESS. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY AN  
4 IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING US TO RESPOND TO THE CONSUMERS OF  
5 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE. ON  
6 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, I  
7 WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM AND GIVE THEM, WISH THEM MUCH  
8 SUCCESS AS THEY GO THROUGH LIFE AND HOPE THAT THEY CONTINUE TO  
9 THINK ABOUT WORKING FOR PUBLIC SECTOR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF  
14 THE GREAT LEADERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR STATE, AND  
15 THAT'S MADAME SYLVIA WU, WHO IS NOW 101 YEARS OLD. [APPLAUSE.]  
16 SO IF YOU EAT YOUR SU CHAI, WHICH IS VEGETABLES, AND EXERCISE,  
17 YOU CAN LIVE TO 200. SO YOU HAVE 99 YEARS TO GO. WE'RE PLEASED  
18 TO RECOGNIZE HER. SHE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES BACK IN  
19 1944, AND SHE LIVED HER AMERICAN DREAM. SHE MARRIED KING YAN  
20 WU, WHO IS AN M.I.T. GRADUATE AND BORN IN HONG KONG AND  
21 GRANDSON WU TINGF, WHO WAS CHINA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE  
22 UNITED STATES. SHE BECAME A RESTAURANTEUR, OPERATING MADAME  
23 WU'S GARDEN RESTAURANT IN SANTA MONICA FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS.  
24 MANY OF THE CELEBRITIES ATE DINNER THERE, INCLUDING CARY  
25 GRANT, RONALD AND NANCY REAGAN, STEVEN SPIELBERG, PRINCESS



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1 GRACE KELLY, JOHNNY CARSON, ROBERT REDFORD, MAE WEST, AND ALL.  
2 EVEN HAD A FUND-RAISER OR TWO THERE, AS WELL. SHE IS THE  
3 CELEBRATED AUTHOR OF FOUR BOOKS, TWO COOKBOOKS ON CHINESE  
4 CUISINE AND TWO COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS. A NOTED PHILANTHROPIST  
5 AND CIVIC LEADER SUPPORTING MANY CHARITIES, INCLUDING THE CITY  
6 OF HOPE, COLUMBIA TEACHERS' COLLEGE, AND LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
7 SCHOOLS, OPENING HER DOORS TO TWO BUSLOADS OF CHILDREN FROM  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR A HOLIDAY  
9 MEAL. SHE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BLUE RIBBON 400 OF THE  
10 MUSIC CENTER AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF K.C.E.T.  
11 SHE'S HERE WITH HER SON, THE HONORABLE FEDERAL JUDGE GEORGE  
12 WU, WHOM I HAD DINNER WITH LAST WEEK, AND PAT WU, WHO IS OUR  
13 SENIOR ASSISTANT IN OUR COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE THAT WE SEE  
14 ALL THE TIME IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND OTHERS. AND SO, MADAME  
15 WU, IT'S A PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU  
16 CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **MADAME SYLVIA WU:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU.  
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **GEORGE WU:** MY MOTHER ASKED ME TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS VERY,  
22 VERY BRIEFLY. AS THE SUPERVISOR SAID, MY MOTHER WILL BE 101 IN  
23 OCTOBER. AND SHE HAS ASKED ME TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS. OF HER  
24 100-PLUS YEARS, SHE HAS SPENT OVER 61 HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
25 COUNTY AND HAS ENJOYED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. IF AMERICA



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1 IS THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY, FOR HER THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
2 HAS BEEN THE LAND OF MEGA OPPORTUNITIES. SHE NEVER BELIEVED  
3 WHEN SHE FIRST CAME THAT SHE COULD EVER ACHIEVE WHAT SHE HAS  
4 ACHIEVED IN THIS COUNTY AND SHE'S VERY, VERY, VERY GRATEFUL.  
5 AND PEOPLE OFTEN ASK HER, WHEN THEY FIND OUT SHE IS 100 AND  
6 101, ABOUT THE SECRETS OF HER LONGEVITY AND SHE SAYS SHE HAS  
7 FOUR SECRETS WHICH ARE NOT REALLY SECRETS BUT WHAT SHE WILL  
8 TELL YOU NOW. ONE, TAKE NAPS. TWO, MAKE FRIENDS. THREE, DON'T  
9 RETIRE. WORK AS LONG AS YOU CAN. AND, FOUR, EAT GOOD CHINESE  
10 FOOD. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] AND ONCE AGAIN, MY MOTHER WISHES  
11 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. AND IT IS A  
12 CHINESE TRADITION THAT WHEN YOU GIVE A GIFT, YOU SHOULD GIVE A  
13 GIFT IN RETURN, SO WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS GIVE EACH OF  
14 THE SUPERVISORS A COPY OF HER BOOK ON RUNNING THE RESTAURANT  
15 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AUTOGRAPHED COPY  
16 OF HER BOOK WRITTEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE DR.  
19 HAMLIN EMORY. NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED PIONEER AND SPECIALIST  
20 DEVOTED TO HELPING PERSONS IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND  
21 ACHIEVE WELLNESS THROUGH THE BRAIN FIRST METHOD. I HAD THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING THE DOCTOR AND HIS LOVELY WIFE, WHO IS  
23 ALSO A DOCTOR, AT THE DIDI HIRSCH GALA, WHICH IS ONE OF THE  
24 GREAT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT WE SUPPORT IN THE COUNTY OF  
25 LOS ANGELES AND THEY HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. AND I HAD



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1 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE WORK THAT HE  
2 DOES. HE HAS EXTENSIVE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN GENERAL MEDICINE  
3 AND PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE, SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS AS A MEDICAL  
5 DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND RESIDENTIAL  
6 TREATMENT CENTERS FOR EATING DISORDERS AND SUBSTANCE  
7 DEPENDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BY EXPLORING E.E.G. AND  
8 Q.E.E.G. DATA IN PATIENTS WHO WEREN'T IMPROVING, DR. EMORY  
9 DEVELOPED A VERY COMPREHENSIVE BRAIN-FIRST MODEL TO IMPROVE  
10 AND RESOLVE EACH PATIENT'S DISTRESS. THIS MODEL INCLUDES A  
11 MEDICAL AND NEUROBIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, RELEVANT LAB VALUES,  
12 AND E.E.G. THIS UNIQUE INTEGRATIVE APPROACH DECREASES THE  
13 INCIDENTS OF NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO MEDICATION AND INCREASES  
14 THE PROBABILITY THAT TREATMENT WILL BE COMPATIBLE AND  
15 EFFECTIVE. HE'S BEEN THE LEADER IN ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM  
16 THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE OF MIGRAINE HEADACHES AND THROUGH HIS  
17 TREATMENTS WAS ABLE TO RESOLVE THAT ISSUE, WHICH WAS VERY,  
18 VERY GOOD. A WONDERFUL MAN, AND HE AND HIS WIFE MAKE A  
19 TREMENDOUS TEAM. WE JUST WANT TO WELCOME YOU AND GIVE YOU THIS  
20 PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE PRACTICE OF  
21 MEDICINE. [APPLAUSE.] HE'S A PROUD GRADUATE OF WASHINGTON AND  
22 LEE UNIVERSITY IN LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA.

23

24 **DR. HAMLIN EMORY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M DEEPLY  
25 TOUCHED BY THE HUMANITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT OUR FELLOW



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1 CITIZENS ARE MAKING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M REMINDED OF ONE  
2 OF OUR DECEASED RESIDENTS, WILL ROGERS, WHO SAID, "IT'S GREAT  
3 TO BE GREAT, BUT IT'S BETTER TO BE HUMAN." I THINK THAT I AM  
4 TOUCHED AND IMPRESSED WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS BEING MADE BY  
5 PEOPLE IN DIVERSE AREAS OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR, AND I FEEL BUOYED  
6 UP BY WHAT I WOULD CALL PEOPLE WHO ARE THREADS IN THE QUILT OF  
7 CIVILITY. WE NEED MORE OF IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET'S GET THE FAMILY PICTURE, DOCTOR.  
10 YOU HAVE TO HAVE TWO DOCTORS IN THE PICTURE.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE ARE RECOGNIZING PROMOTIONAL  
13 PRODUCTS WORK WEEK. WE WELCOME STEPHEN ROPFOGEL OF HALO  
14 BRANDED SOLUTIONS, RECOGNIZING PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS WORK WEEK  
15 IN OUR COUNTY. THIS IS AN ASSOCIATION WHICH WAS FOUNDED BACK  
16 IN 1903. IT EDUCATES THE PUBLIC POLICYMAKERS AND COMMUNITY  
17 ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF PROMOTIONAL PRODUCT BUSINESSES. MANY OF  
18 THEM ARE FAMILY OWNED. THEY IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH  
19 THEIR WORKFORCE, VOLUNTEERISM, REVENUE AND COMMUNITY  
20 PARTNERSHIPS. THE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IS COMPRISED  
21 OF OVER 33,000 COMPANIES, 97 PERCENT OF WHICH ARE SMALL  
22 BUSINESSES, AND NEARLY 500,000 ARE PROFESSIONALS. THE COUNTY  
23 OF L.A. SUPPORTS THESE EFFORTS OF LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND  
24 RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE  
25 PRODUCTS WORK. THIS WILL HELP TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY AND





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1 STIMULATE OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. PROMOTIONAL PRODUCT COMPANIES AND  
2 PROFESSIONALS ARE VITAL TO OUR FUTURE AS AN ENTREPRENEURIAL  
3 COMMUNITY AND NATION. SO THANK YOU, STEPHEN, FOR YOUR  
4 LEADERSHIP. AND HERE IS YOUR PROCLAMATION. AND HE'S ALSO QUITE  
5 INVOLVED IN OUR DISTRICT. WE APPRECIATE THAT. WITH ALL THE  
6 CHARITABLE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, HE'S ALWAYS THE FIRST AT  
7 THE LIST TO VOLUNTEER.

8

9 **STEPHEN ROPFOGEL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS  
10 DO WORK. IT'S THE ONLY FORM OF ADVERTISING THAT KEEPS, THE  
11 RECIPIENT SAYS THANK YOU FOR, AND IT KEEPS YOUR NAME IN FRONT  
12 OF YOUR CUSTOMERS. AND WITH THAT IN MIND, I BROUGHT A LITTLE  
13 TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS. IT'S A  
14 LITTLE NOTEBOOK. AND THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. AND HAVE A GOOD  
15 DAY. OH, I'M WITH LORI BOLTON, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
16 SPECIALTY ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A 12-WEEK-OLD CHIHUAHUA  
19 NAMED JOEY. AND HERE COMES JOEY. LIKE THE MOVIE JOEY, HE'S A  
20 WINNER. SO LITTLE JOEY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND YOU CAN CALL  
21 THE AREA CODE 562-728-4610. AND LITTLE JOEY, WHO'S DOING HIS  
22 LITTLE PRAYERS RIGHT NOW, IS HOPING THAT SOMEBODY WILL CALL OR  
23 SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE WILL SAY: TAKE ME HOME.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** HE'S SHAKING IN THAT RED JACKET.



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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE HE'S NEVER BEEN ON TELEVISION  
3 BEFORE. BUT SEE ALL THESE NICE PEOPLE? YOU'RE GOING TO FIND A  
4 HOME AND ALL WILL BE WELL.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** BEAUTIFUL THING. CUTE LITTLE THING.

7

8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LOOK AT THE PRETTY LADY.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE WILL TURN TO THE EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICE THAT WILL READ IN SOME ITEMS.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WE WILL PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT  
14 FOR THOSE WHO ARE HERE.

15

16 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
17 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
19 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
20 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
21 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
22 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
23 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
24 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
25 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE



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1 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
2 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
3 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
4 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
5 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
6 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
7 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
8 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
9 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS  
10 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER  
11 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE  
12 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY  
13 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
14 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
15 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
16 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
17 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
18 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
19 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

21  
22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WITH THAT, AUDIENCE AND BOARD,  
23 WE'LL CALL UP THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE HELD SEVERAL ITEMS  
24 FOR COMMENT. I'LL CALL UP FIRST ERIC PREVEN. HE'S HELD ITEM  
25 15, 20 AND C.S.-4. GOOD MORNING.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE? THREE ITEMS ONLY.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS IS WHAT I HAVE REGISTERED. YOU PULLED  
5 ITEMS 15 AND 20 AND C.S.-4.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I HAD SOME OTHER ITEMS.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT ARE THEY?

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, FOR EXAMPLE, 25, 7. ANYWAY, WHY DON'T WE --  
12 I'LL BEGIN IF YOU'LL ZERO ME OUT. I'LL TRY MY BEST.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** START THE CLOCK.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. AND I APOLOGIZE. OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS  
17 SOME CONFUSION LAST WEEK, BECAUSE I HAD PULLED SEVERAL ITEMS,  
18 AND AS YOU KNOW, WAS IN TOUCH WITH YOUR STAFF, BUT THEY PUSHED  
19 IT THROUGH AND WE WENT INTO THAT VERY, VERY LONG AND MOVING  
20 PRESENTATION FROM THE PEOPLE THAT YOU BUSSED IN. SO I FELT  
21 BADLY ABOUT THAT. BUT TODAY I WILL TRY TO STAY ON POINT. ITEM  
22 NO. 15, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS NOT HERE TODAY, BUT HE HAS ASKED  
23 PROSPECTIVELY TO CONDUCT AN OPEN AND COMPETENT LOOK AT THE WAY  
24 WE DO EMAIL HERE AT THE COUNTY, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS A VERY  
25 GOOD IDEA. AND I THINK IT DOVETAILS NICELY WITH ITEM 10,



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1 MADAME CHAIR. TODAY YOU ARE BRINGING IN PUBLIC INFORMATION  
2 SPECIALIST MR. CLARK LEE, WHO AS YOU KNOW, IS ALSO SERVING HIS  
3 MAIN JOB, I BELIEVE, THE OUTREACH GUY FOR THE NATIONAL  
4 DEMOCRATIC PARTY. SO THIS IS A GIANT IN THE INDUSTRY. AND ALSO  
5 WORKED FOR ERIC BAUMAN, WHO IS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY COCHAIR,  
6 AND I THINK HE WILL DO A GOOD JOB. BUT ITEM NO. 10, YOU HAVE  
7 HIM ON BIG SOME BIG REGISTRAR/RECORDER MOVING AROUND THE  
8 VOTING RECORDS AREA, WHICH I THINK IS VERY, VERY GOOD. CLARK  
9 IS EXCELLENT. CLARK HAS -- CLARK AND MR. BAUMAN, I WILL SAY,  
10 DURING THIS COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 ELECTION, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
11 WILL RECALL, DID NOT -- WE ARE HAVING A HARD TIME DISCLOSING  
12 SOME INFORMATION THAT IS SOME OF US IN THE PUBLIC FELT WAS  
13 IMPORTANT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO HAVE ACCESS TO. BUT  
14 CERTAINLY HE IS TO BE RELIED UPON FOR STICKING WITH THE  
15 COMPANY LINE, FOR SURE, BECAUSE HE DID NOT BREAK, DESPITE OUR  
16 EFFORT TO GET HIM TO PROVIDE SIMPLY THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE  
17 WHO WERE ENDORSING CANDIDATES IN THAT PARTICULAR -- I DON'T  
18 WANT TO GO THERE BECAUSE IT'S VERY UPSETTING FOR ME OBVIOUSLY.  
19 ITEM 25 IS A TRANSFER FEE. AND PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, AND MAYOR  
20 ANTONOVICH AND I ARE BOTH WEARING RED IN SYMPATHY TODAY. YOU  
21 HAVE THE PARKS AND REC GROUP ARE FLIPPING A RADIO STATION THAT  
22 I DIDN'T KNOW THEY MANAGED. AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IS IT'S STILL  
23 GOING TO BE RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING, BUT NOW IT WILL BE EL  
24 SEMBRADOR MINISTRIES, WHICH I HAVE NOT TUNED IN FOR. IT IS, I  
25 BELIEVE, 1460 ON K.T.Y. -- K.T.Y.M., I'M SORRY, ON THE DIAL.



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1 NOW WHAT THEY'RE GETTING IS 1 PERCENT, WHICH IS ABOUT \$58,000  
2 OF THE PRICE FOR THE CONTRACT. BUT WHEN I COMPARED THAT WITH  
3 WHEN I SEE SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS LEFT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
4 DISCUSSION, WITH WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE GOLF COURSES WHEN WE  
5 TRANSFERRED THEM, I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SIMPLICITY HERE BUT  
6 THE COMPLEXITY THERE AND HOW FOR ALL THOSE EXPENSIVE GOLF  
7 COURSES THAT SEEM MUCH MORE LUCRATIVE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAN A  
8 RADIO STATION, BUT MAYBE I'M WRONG ABOUT THAT, WE ONLY GOT  
9 \$209,000 BIG FOR THAT BIG FLIP, THE COUNTY DID, ON EIGHT  
10 AMERICAN GOLF COURSES. SO THAT'S WHAT DRIVES ME A LITTLE BIT  
11 CRAZY. IN TERMS OF ITEM NO. 3, WHICH IS THE MAYOR'S MARIJUANA  
12 BAN PROPOSAL ONCE AGAIN WITH BRUCKNER, I ASSUME THAT'S A  
13 PUBLIC HEARING, AND WE'LL COME BACK ON THOSE, IS THAT CORRECT?  
14 YES, OKAY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS, WHO HAS HELD  
17 ITEMS 15, 27-A, 27-B, C.S.-2 AND C.S.-4.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I,  
20 TOO, THOUGHT IT WAS A FASCINATING MEETING LAST WEEK. KIND OF  
21 REMINDED ME OF A FILM, WILLARD, ALL THE UNION REPRESENTATIVES  
22 RUNNING AROUND LIKE RATS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAD THEIR  
23 SIGNS UP SO THAT EVERYBODY COULD SEE THEIR GREAT SUPPORT FOR  
24 THE BOARD. I DID HOLD ITEM 15, TOO. AND IT'S FASCINATING TO ME  
25 HOW YOU WOULD BRING UP EMAIL SECURITY, BASED ON THE PAST





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1 FIASCO WITH THE SHERIFF WHO HAD TO RESIGN HIS POST. CAN YOU  
2 IMAGINE SOMEONE JOKES THREE YEARS AGO AND SOMEBODY BULL'S-EYED  
3 THAT, A THREE-YEAR-OLD EMAIL ABOUT JOKES? YOU THINK HE MIGHT  
4 HAVE GOTTEN SOMEBODY UPSET AND DONE SOMETHING WRONG, BUT THAT  
5 WOULD COME UP IN THE POLICY. SO THE PUBLIC REQUEST, WHERE DOES  
6 THAT LEVEL OF EMAIL SECRECY END? ARE WE ALLOWED TO REQUEST  
7 BOARD MEMBERS' EMAILS? THAT WOULD BE FASCINATING TO FIND OUT.  
8 27, HEY, I HELD -- BY THE WAY, ITEM 15 REQUEST FOR A REPORT  
9 BACK TO THE BOARD. 27-A REQUESTS FOR REPORT BACK IN WRITING.  
10 SO WHEN YOU GET REPORTS BACK IN WRITING OR VICE VERSA, DOES  
11 THAT MEAN IT COMES BACK TO THE PUBLIC FOR AN ITEM ON THE  
12 AGENDA? 27-B, THE COUNTY IS TAKING ACTION, MIKE IS TAKING  
13 ACTION, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONSERVE GAS. I WONDER IF THAT  
14 HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NATURAL GAS LEAK OF ALISO CANYON  
15 AND THE FACT THAT THE DEPLETION OF THE METHANE HOLDING AREA  
16 AND WHY 10,000 HOMES SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE L.A.  
17 BASIN SUPPLYING THE PUBLIC WITH FUEL FOR UTILITIES. I HELD  
18 ITEM C.S.-2 REFERS TO THE PORTER RANCH AND C.S.-4 IS  
19 DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATIONS. AND I'M WONDERING, AGAIN, YOUR  
20 CONCERNS ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE. AND NOBODY'S  
21 MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE  
22 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS WHO ARE IN CHARGE OR THIS STORY ABOUT  
23 HOW NOW IT'S REQUIRED THAT PEOPLE ARE TOLD THAT THEY BUY A  
24 HOME BY PORTER RANCH, THE GAS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN LOCATED  
25 THERE SINCE '72, WHY THAT ISN'T, WHY YOU HAVEN'T HAD PEOPLE



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1 COME HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT? WHY THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS  
2 ARE IMMUNE FROM FOLLOWING THROUGH ON DISCLOSURE LAWS? I  
3 UNDERSTAND HOW CONCERNED YOU ARE FOR THE EMPLOYEES. AND WHICH  
4 BRINGS ME BACK TO ANOTHER POINT HERE ABOUT DEPARTMENT HEADS  
5 BECAUSE PART OF THIS SAYS, OH, BY THE WAY, FORMER TOP ATTORNEY  
6 L.A., THAT'S IN TODAY'S UP IN, VIOLATED THE OPEN MEETING LAW.

7

8 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, WHAT TOPIC ARE YOU ON? YOU'RE OFF  
9 TOPIC.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M TALKING ABOUT DEPARTMENT HEADS. AN ATTORNEY  
12 REPRESENTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY --

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14 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THAT'S NOT A MATTER OF THE  
15 CONSIDERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD. YOU'RE OFF TOPIC, SIR.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I AM TALKING ABOUT DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATION.  
18 YOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATION. DEBRA FOX.

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20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

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22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ALISO CANYON. IT WAS THEY HAVE --

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED, SIR. THANK YOU.

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** TIME EXPIRED. SERGEANT AT ARMS?  
2 [GAVEL.] PLEASE REMIND THE SPEAKER AND REMOVE HIM FROM THE  
3 SEAT. SERGEANT? PLEASE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER, DR. GENEVIEVE  
6 CLAVREUL. SHE'S HELD ITEM 15, 18, 20, 21, 27-A AND 27-B. GOOD  
7 MORNING.

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9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. CLAVREUL. ON ITEM  
10 18, I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THAT ITEM AND I THINK WE HAVE  
11 SHOULD HAVE LOOKED EARLIER ON THAT ISSUE WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
12 INCARCERATED ARE WAITING FOR TRIAL BECAUSE THEY CANNOT PAY  
13 BAIL SHOULD BE NOT AS A CHARTER OF THE COUNTY AND SHOULD GET  
14 HEALTHCARE AND GET THE SUPPORT OF C.M.S. ON THAT. I THINK THAT  
15 WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT. ON 27-A, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO PUT  
16 IN PLACE A MORE CONCERNED EFFORT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN SO THEY  
17 DO NOT BECOME HOMELESS AND MAYBE HAVE A POSSIBILITY WHERE THEY  
18 CAN BE RE-ENTERED IN THE COUNTY SYSTEM FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.  
19 MANY YEARS AGO, IN PEDIATRIC, WE USED TO SAY, WELL, AFTER 16  
20 YEARS OLD THEY NO LONGER BELONG IN PEDIATRIC. BUT THEN WE  
21 REALIZED THAT CHILDREN WITH AN UNUSUAL GENETIC DISEASES, IT  
22 WAS BETTER IF THEY STAY WITH THE PEDIATRICIAN UNTIL THEY ARE  
23 21. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO LOOK FOR WITH FOSTER  
24 CHILDREN. MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T SEND THEM LOOSE WHEN THEY ARE 18  
25 BUT STAY UNTIL THEY ARE 21. MAYBE THIS WAY WE WILL PREVENT



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1 THEM TO BECOME, YOU KNOW, SO ON IF THEY HAVE SUPPORT AT THAT  
2 AGE. BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PREPARED AT 18 TO DEAL WITH THOSE  
3 SITUATIONS AND I HAD ONE OTHER ITEM, I THINK. AND I'M VERY  
4 GLAD OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING ABOUT THE ALISO CANYON, ESPECIALLY  
5 MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE APPROPRIATE THINGS ARE HAPPENING  
6 AND THAT YOU FILE THE NON-FUNCTIONING COMPANY THAT HAS DOING  
7 YOUR THING. THANK YOU. AND SO I SEND A LETTER TO THE PASADENA  
8 STAR NEWS WHEN FREE SPEECH BECOME A THREAT. THANK YOU. I HAVE  
9 ONLY ONE COPY.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRISTINE  
12 MIRASY-GLASCO. SHE'S HELD ITEM 27-A.

13

14 **CHRISTINE MIRASY-GLASCO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTINE  
15 MIRASY-GLASCO, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OUTWARD  
16 BOUND HOUSE, A PROVIDER OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT HOUSING FOR  
17 HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN S.P.A.S 5 AND 6. I WOULD  
18 FIRST LIKE TO COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR RECENT  
19 DRACONIAN ACTION TO COMBAT AND END HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY.  
20 THE HOMELESS STRATEGIES ALONG WITH THE PERMANENT FUNDING THAT  
21 YOU VOTED RECENTLY WILL CHANGE THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF  
22 HOMELESS CHILDREN BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A SAFE, SANITARY  
23 PLACE TO LIVE. TODAY I AM HERE TO APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS TO  
24 EXAMINE THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF CHILD HOMELESSNESS. STUDIES SHOW  
25 THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A MAJOR CONDUIT INTO THE FOSTER CARE AND



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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS, WHICH COSTS THE COUNTY MILLIONS OF  
2 DOLLARS ANNUALLY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS VERY  
3 TRAUMATIC FOR FAMILIES, INCLUDING CHILDREN. AND THAT THEIR  
4 HEALTH IS VERY IMPACTED, MOSTLY NEGATIVELY, BY HOMELESSNESS.  
5 SO THESE COSTS CAN BE REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY IF WE INTERVENE  
6 MUCH EARLIER AND ADDRESS CHILD HOMELESSNESS. SO I URGE YOU  
7 TODAY TO APPROVE THIS MOTION, AS IT WILL CONSTITUTE THE FIRST  
8 STEP TO REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES THAT  
9 HOMELESS CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES EXPERIENCE AND OVERALL  
10 WILL HELP US GAIN COST ACROSS THE COUNTY AS WE SAVE IN OTHER  
11 AREAS THAT RESULT FROM HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A SPEAKER NOW  
14 FROM LANCASTER. WE HAVE DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS ON ITEMS 18,  
15 21 AND C.S.-4 AND ALSO MICHAEL JENKINS ON C.S.-4 FROM  
16 LANCASTER. HELLO, WE'RE CALLING UP DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS.  
17 AND MICHAEL JENKINS, LANCASTER? THEY'VE HELD ITEMS?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** COME ON IN.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. JENKINS, IS THAT YOU?

22

23 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, COULD YOU PLEASE  
24 TELL ME WHAT ITEM WE'RE ON, BECAUSE I WAS ON THE PHONE WITH  
25 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU PULLED ITEMS 18, 21 AND C.S.-4.

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4 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OKAY, 18 I PULLED OUT TYPICALLY  
5 BECAUSE I WANTED TO KNOW. I AM IN SUPPORT, OR I WAS IN SUPPORT  
6 OF 18, EMPHATICALLY IN SUPPORT OF 18 IN THE LETTER, AS WAS  
7 DISCUSSED LAST WEEK. I JUST DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW IT WAS  
8 GOING TO BE WORDED THAT IT WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON  
9 REDUCING MENTAL ILLNESS, INMATES IN THE JAIL. I UNDERSTAND HOW  
10 IT'S GOING TO HELP FISCALLY, AND I UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S GOING  
11 TO HELP THEM RECEIVE SERVICES IN THE SYSTEM. BUT THERE IS A  
12 LINE IN YOUR DESCRIPTION OF IT THAT SAYS THAT IT WOULD REDUCE  
13 OR IMPACT THE POPULATION IMPLIED IN TERMS OF NUMBERS. AND THAT  
14 I DID NOT SEE. AND I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THAT WAS  
15 GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE LETTER. THAT'S ON 18. THE OTHER  
16 NUMBERS, CAN YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THEY WERE? I WAS ON THE  
17 PHONE WITH DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 21 AND C.S.-4.

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21 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OKAY, ON 21, MY CONCERN ABOUT 21 IS  
22 I THINK THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS OFTEN LEFT OUT OF  
23 DIFFERENT BENEFITS THAT ARE APPLIED DOWN BELOW. AS YOU KNOW,  
24 AT ONE POINT IN TIME, WE WERE GOING TO ATTEMPT TO BREAK AWAY  
25 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH I WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF, BECAUSE





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1 WE FELT WE WERE NOT GETTING OUR TAX DOLLARS. ITEM NO. 21 TALKS  
2 ABOUT THE NURSING PROGRAM AND THE MENTORING, WHICH I THINK IS  
3 ESSENTIAL AND PHENOMENAL. BUT I JUST DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY  
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE, EVEN WITH ITS NURSING PROGRAM, WAS  
5 NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF COLLEGES THAT WERE GOING TO BE  
6 RECEIVING MENTOR PROGRAMS OR THE TUTORING SERVICES. AND I  
7 WANTED THE BOARD TO PLEASE CONSIDER ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY  
8 COLLEGE STUDENTS, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE HAVE A GREAT NEED UP  
9 HERE FOR NURSES WHO ARE QUALIFIED AND NURSES PERIOD. AND  
10 PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE US OUT OF THESE KIND OF PROGRAMS. THAT'S  
11 MY FEELING ON 21. AND THE LAST ONE, SUPERVISOR, WAS WHAT  
12 NUMBER?

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** C.S.-4.

15

16 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OH, C.S.-4. IF WE COME TO PUBLIC  
17 COMMENTS, I REALLY WANT TO TALK IN GREAT DETAIL ABOUT C.S.-4.  
18 I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE AGENCY HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'M INTIMATELY AND DEEPLY  
20 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. I HAVE  
22 HIGH-RANKING ASSOCIATES WHO I HAVE HEARD THEIR STORIES AND  
23 HORROR STORIES ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES AND  
24 WHAT WE HAVE PUT ON FOR YEARS HOW WE ARE GOING TO MAKE CHANGES  
25 AND THOSE CHANGES ARE SMOKE AND MIRROR CHANGES. AND IF THAT



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1 ITEM COMES UP UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO  
2 ASK FOR SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF WHO IS LEADING THAT  
3 DEPARTMENT AND ALSO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LOOK INTO  
4 D.C.F.S. THANK YOU.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MICHAEL JENKINS, I  
7 BELIEVE, ONLINE FROM LANCASTER FOR ITEM C.S.-4.

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9 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MR. JENKINS IS ON  
10 THE PHONE RIGHT NOW. AND HE'S HERE, AS THE ATTENDANT WILL TELL  
11 YOU, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN'T SPEAK FOR HIM. YOU'VE HAD YOUR  
14 TIME. OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** -- AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE SPEAKING --

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOLD ON. START ALL OVER. I DIDN'T SEE YOU  
19 THERE. SO, GO AHEAD. MICHAEL JENKINS?

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21 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** WHAT ARE WE SPEAKING ON? OKAY. I'D LIKE TO  
22 SPEAK ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD AND FAMILY  
23 SERVICES AND HOW IT'S BEING RAN OUT HERE IN THIS ANTELOPE  
24 VALLEY, WHICH I PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT IT IS A PLANTATION,  
25 BECAUSE THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OUT HERE, THEY'RE



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1 BEING LED BY A PERSON THAT DON'T CARE, AS YOU KNOW. MIKE  
2 ANTONOVICH PLEASE LISTEN TO THIS. I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU. I'M  
3 COMING BACK TIME AND TIME AGAIN UNTIL I GET MY GRANDDAUGHTER,  
4 OKAY? THE SERVICES HERE ARE UNBEARABLE. I WENT TO COURT  
5 YESTERDAY. THE JUDGE WAS LOOKING AT FORMS THAT CHILD SERVICES  
6 TAINTED AGAINST ME. AS YOU KNOW, MIKE ANTONOVICH, AS YOU ALL  
7 KNOW, I BROUGHT MY SON DOWN HERE LAST WEEK. HE WAS TELLING HOW  
8 HE WANTS HIS SISTER. THE JUDGE WASN'T LISTENING. NOBODY IS  
9 LISTENING. MIKE ANTONOVICH, I'VE ASKED FOR YOUR HELP. I'VE  
10 ASKED THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR HELP. OKAY, I'M GETTING NO  
11 WHERE. I'M GETTING MY BACK UP AGAINST THE WALL HERE TRYING TO  
12 GET SOMETHING THAT'S MINE, MY GRANDDAUGHTER. EVERYBODY IS NOT  
13 LISTENING. MIKE ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE NOT LISTENING. THIS IS A  
14 PLANTATION UP HERE. NOTHING IS BEING DONE. NOT AT THE  
15 COURTHOUSES, NOT AT CHILD SERVICES, NOTHING. MIKE, YOU HAVE TO  
16 DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE OFFICE. I'M COMING  
17 BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL I GET MY GRANDDAUGHTER.  
18 I'M GOING TO FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNTIL I GET  
19 WHAT'S MINE.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC AT THIS POINT,  
22 SIR. YOU'RE SPEAKING ON ITEM NO. 4, I'VE BEEN TOLD, C.S.-4.

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1   **MICHAEL JENKINS:** OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DR. WILLIAMS TO  
2   TAKE UP MY REMAINING TIME, PLEASE, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. IS THAT  
3   ACCEPTABLE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, IT IS. YOU HAVE 57 SECONDS.

6

7   **MICHAEL JENKINS:** DR. WILLIAMS? HURRY UP. 57 SECONDS.

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9   **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** I TRIED TO SAY THAT TO YOU BEFORE,  
10   SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT YOU TOLD ME NO. WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT  
11   IN TERMS OF C.S.-4 IS THAT HIS CONCERN IN TRYING TO CONTACT  
12   THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO  
13   POINT OUT ISSUES THAT ARE BEING DONE UP HERE THAT ARE NOT  
14   REALLY LEGAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SHOULD BE AWARE OF.  
15   FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE A FILM OF HIM BEING MISTREATED BY THE  
16   CAREGIVER OF HIS GRANDDAUGHTER. AND WE TRIED TO SHOW THE FILM  
17   TO BARBARA DALLAS, WHO RUNS D.C.F.S. UP HERE. WE'VE CALLED  
18   DOWN BELOW, YOUR DIRECTOR DOWN THERE HIDES. THE SOCIAL WORKER  
19   DID NOT WANT TO SEE IT. IT IS A VIDEO OF HOW HE WAS  
20   EMASCULATED, DEMEANED, AND DEGRADED BY THE CAREGIVER AT A  
21   DOCTOR'S VISIT THAT WAS MANDATED THAT HE GO TO. HE WAS  
22   PENALIZED YESTERDAY BY THE JUDGE FOR NOT GOING TO THAT VISIT  
23   AFTER THE SOCIAL WORKER TOLD HIM THAT HE SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM  
24   THE CAREGIVER. WHERE DO WE GO? WHAT DO WE DO? HOW DO WE GET



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1 JUSTICE? HOW WOULD YOUR DIRECTOR OF THIS AGENCY AND THIS  
2 DEPARTMENT REALLY FUNCTION IN DOING ANYTHING FOR US?

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS BY  
5 SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS ITEM 27-A. AND THEY ARE BOOKER PEARSON,  
6 LAURA DIEGO, LAURA STEI AND MAIA EAGLIN. THIS IS ON ITEM 27-A.  
7 GOOD MORNING.

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9 **BOOKER PEARSON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M BOOKER PEARSON. I'M THE  
10 CHAIR OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION. I AM  
11 ECSTATIC AND GRATEFUL TO THIS BOARD AND ESPECIALLY TO  
12 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION.  
13 IT'S BADLY NEEDED. I'M ALSO VERY PROUD OF THIS BOARD BECAUSE  
14 OF THE EXCELLENT AND MORAL COURAGE YOU'VE SHOWN IN ADDRESSING  
15 HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS A CIVIC ISSUE OF OUR TIME. THE MOTION  
16 IS SUCCINCT AND GOES TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER. THE COST OF  
17 FAMILY HOMELESSNESS CANNOT BE IGNORED. WE MUST STOP THE  
18 PIPELINE FROM A HOMELESS CHILD TO FOSTER CARE TO PROSTITUTION,  
19 GANGS, PRISON, AND DEATH. IT'S COST US MUCH MORE THAN WE WILL  
20 EVER, EVER RECOVER BY NEGLECTING THESE CHILDREN. WE'RE THE  
21 ONLY INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH THAT  
22 ALLOWS -- ALLOWS HOMELESS CHILDREN. WE HAVE 4 PERCENT OF THE  
23 WORLD'S POPULATION, AND WE HAVE 25 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S  
24 PRISONERS. SO THERE HAS GOT TO BE SOME CONNECTION THERE. TO  
25 IGNORE OUR YOUNGEST, MOST VULNERABLE, MOST IMPOVERISHED



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1 CITIZENS IS NOT ONLY MORALLY BANKRUPT; IT'S ECONOMIC SUICIDE.  
2 AND I THANK YOU. IF I COULD READ SOMETHING THAT WAS ACTUALLY  
3 WRITTEN BETTER THAN ANYTHING I COULD EVER SAY, "CHILDREN  
4 EXPERIENCING HOMELESS ARE AMONG THE MOST INVISIBLE AND  
5 NEGLECTED INDIVIDUALS IN OUR NATION. DESPITE THE EVER GROWING  
6 NUMBER, HOMELESS CHILDREN HAVE NO VOICE AND NO CONSTITUENCY.  
7 WITHOUT A BED TO CALL THEIR OWN, THEY HAVE LOST SAFETY,  
8 PRIVACY AND THE COMFORTS OF HOME, AS WELL AS FRIENDS, PETS,  
9 POSSESSIONS, REASSURING ROUTINES AND COMMUNITY. THESE LOSSES  
10 COMBINE TO CREATE A LIFE-ALTERING EXPERIENCE THAT INFLECTS  
11 PROFOUND AND LASTING SCARS." THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **LORI STEIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LORI STEIN, AND I'M A  
16 COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES APPOINTED BY  
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AS YOU KNOW YOU ARE OUR COMMISSION  
18 UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS MUCH  
19 NEEDED STUDY OUTLINING THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF HOMELESS  
20 CHILDREN. I GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES RAISED BY A YOUNG DIVORCED  
21 MOTHER OF THREE. ALTHOUGH CRAMPED AND OFTEN IN TROUBLED  
22 NEIGHBORHOODS, WE WERE GRATEFUL TO HAVE AN APARTMENT. BUT FOR  
23 SEVERAL YEARS, I MY MOTHER STRUGLED TO MAKE EACH MONTH'S RENT  
24 PAYMENT. DURING THAT TIME, I OFTEN THOUGHT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN  
25 TO MY YOUNGER SISTER AND BROTHER IF SHE DIDN'T COME UP WITH





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1 THE MONEY. TODAY I ONLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THE UNSPEAKABLE MISERY  
2 THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR FATE BY DRIVING UNDER A FREEWAY  
3 BRIDGE, STROLLING DOWN A CITY STREET, OR WALKING THROUGH A  
4 LOCAL PARK. AND THE SAD THING IS THAT ALL THE EVIDENCE POINTS  
5 TO THE FACT THAT A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE  
6 OUTSIDE WERE ONCE HOMELESS CHILDREN. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
7 HOMELESS CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY IS NORTH OF 100,000. AS THE  
8 MOTION INDICATES, 62 PERCENT OF CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE  
9 WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS, AND A STAGGERING PERCENTS OF THOSE IN  
10 THE PRISON SYSTEM WERE ONCE INVOLVED IN THE FOSTER CARE  
11 SYSTEM. THE COST OF FOSTER CARE PER PERSON IS OVER \$50,000 PER  
12 YEAR, AND THE COST OF PRISON EXCEEDS \$70,000 PER YEAR. WE ALSO  
13 KNOW THAT LESS THAN 1 IN 4 HOMELESS CHILDREN GRADUATE FROM  
14 HIGH SCHOOL, AND CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS COST THE  
15 STATE ABOUT \$46 BILLION PER GRADUATING CLASS. AND YET RELIABLE  
16 REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE ONE-TIME COST OF USING RAPID  
17 REHOUSING TO PERMANENTLY HOUSE HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN  
18 IS LESS THAN \$12,000. SUPERVISORS, I AND MY FELLOW  
19 COMMISSIONERS ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE RESOURCES YOU HAVE  
20 ALLOCATED TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTY. THE ECONOMIC  
21 COST OF CHILD HOMELESSNESS IS STAGGERING AND WILL LIKELY  
22 BANKRUPT US. THE OPPORTUNITY COST TO OUR COUNTY IS ENORMOUS.  
23 THINK OF WHAT EACH OF THESE 100,000 CHILDREN COULD BECOME AND  
24 HOW THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE. BUT IT IS UTTERLY SCANDALOUS AND  
25 TRULY IMMORAL FOR US TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE MISERY OF



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1 INNOCENT CHILDREN IN OUR MIDST. I URGE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART  
2 TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

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6 **MAIA EAGLIN:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS  
7 MAIA EAGLIN. I'M THE PROGRAM MANAGER MEMBER FOR THE F.S.C. IN  
8 S.P.A. 5 AT ST. JOSEPH CENTER. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION  
9 TO THIS MATTER. A FAMILY EXPERIENCING A HOMELESS CRISIS WILL  
10 OFTEN TRIAGE THEIR NEEDS WITH SHELTER BEING THE TOP PRIORITY  
11 AND ALL OTHER NEEDS BEING SECOND. THIS OFTEN RESULTS IN MILD  
12 TO SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN  
13 AND PARENTS NOT BEING MET FOR LENGTHY PERIODS OF TIME. AND AS  
14 A RESULT, HEALTH CONDITIONS WORSEN AND/OR CONTRIBUTE TO  
15 INCREASE EPISODES OF INSTABILITY. AT ST. JOSEPH CENTER, WE ARE  
16 CURRENTLY WORKING WITH A FAMILY WHERE BOTH MOM AND 17-YEAR-OLD  
17 DAUGHTER ARE IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE DAUGHTER  
18 HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS F.S.P. SERVICES DUE TO A BIPOLAR  
19 AND P.T.S.D. DIAGNOSIS, BUT MOM'S DIFFICULTY WITH SETTING  
20 BOUNDARIES, IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL TIMES THE FAMILY HAS  
21 MOVED AROUND IN THE RECENT PAST, HAS CREATED A BARRIER TO THE  
22 DAUGHTER ACCESSING THIS TIMELY INTERVENTION. THE FAMILY IS IN  
23 THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING A SECTION 8 VOUCHER. MOM HAS SAID  
24 HOUSING IS HER MAIN CONCERN AND AS A RESULT, HAS PLACED HER  
25 MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL ON HOLD, ALTHOUGH SHE CONTINUES TO HAVE



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1 DIFFICULTY FOLLOWING THROUGH THE GOALS OF HER HOUSING PLAN. 75  
2 PERCENT OF THE PARENTS WE SERVE ACCEPT MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS  
3 FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN BUT REPORT THAT THE GOAL OF  
4 ATTAINING SHELTER OR HOUSING COMES BEFORE ACCESSING HEALTH  
5 SERVICES AS THEY REPORT THAT NOT HAVING THE EMOTIONAL,  
6 PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO SIMULTANEOUSLY MEET ALL OF  
7 THESE NEEDS. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON THE COMPETING DEMANDS  
8 EXPERIENCED BY HOMELESS FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL HELP  
9 TO INFORM THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BEST SERVE THIS VULNERABLE  
10 POPULATION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

13

14 **LAURA DIEGO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAURA DIEGO, AND I'M  
15 WITH THE WHOLE CHILD. WE ARE PART OF THE F.S.C. AND FIRST FIVE  
16 L.A. WE'RE S.P.A. 7. I AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS  
17 INITIATIVE. CURRENTLY MOST OF THE RESEARCH STUDIES AND  
18 ASSESSMENT TOOLS ARE GEARED TOWARDS IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS OF  
19 SINGLE INDIVIDUALS. THE REALITY IS THAT HOMELESS FAMILIES AND  
20 CHILDREN HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND CHALLENGES. THIS INFORMATION  
21 WILL ALLOW US TO SECURE THE NEEDED RESOURCES THAT ARE  
22 IDENTIFIED THROUGH THIS STUDY. THE BARRIERS OF THE FAMILIES  
23 INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO PRIOR EVICTIONS, LARGE  
24 FAMILIES, POOR CREDIT, LIMITED INCOME RATIOS DUE TO THEIR  
25 FAMILY INCOME, CHILDCARE NEEDS, LACK OF CHILD SUPPORT,



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1 EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES, WHICH INCLUDE POOR ATTENDANCE,  
2 CONSTANT RELOCATION OF SCHOOLS, LIMITED ACADEMIC PROGRESS,  
3 LACK OF EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND RESOURCES. THIS INITIATIVE WILL  
4 FURTHER THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TOWARDS RESOLVING OUR HOMELESS  
5 ISSUES AND SPECIFICALLY MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES AND  
6 CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER THAT'S  
9 HELD THIS ITEM, 27-A, ROBIN COX?

10

11 **ROBIN COX:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ROBIN COX, AND I'M AN ECONOMIST  
12 AT THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT  
13 WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE AND THAT WE WOULD  
14 ACTUALLY BE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY PARTNERING. WE STILL HAVE  
15 TO WORK OUT THE LOGISTICS, BUT WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN  
16 ESTIMATING, HELPING TO ESTIMATE THE COST OF CHILDHOOD  
17 HOMELESSNESS AND WE DO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT THANK YOU. MEMBERS, SINCE NONE OF US  
20 HAVE HELD THE ITEM AND SO MANY SPEAKERS HAVE COME UP, I THINK  
21 IT'S WORTHY OF US TO JUST GIVE SOME BACKGROUND ON HOW THIS  
22 CAME ABOUT. YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK WE HAD A VERY THOROUGH  
23 DISCUSSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE FACT THAT OUR COUNTY SPENDS  
24 AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN  
25 DIFFERENT AREAS. BUT ONE THAT HAS TOUCHED OUR HEARTS, I THINK,



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1 THAT REALLY COMPELS US TO MOVE TODAY IS TO FOCUS IN ON THE  
2 CHILD AND CHILDREN, CHILDREN THAT ARE HOMELESS, SOMETHING THAT  
3 I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL FEELS DEEPLY ABOUT AND I APPRECIATE  
4 THAT SHE IS CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION. I'M GLAD THAT WE HAVE OUR  
5 COMMISSIONERS AND FOLKS, BECAUSE WE ARE LISTENING. AND I THINK  
6 THE NUMBER-ONE CONCERN THAT WE ALL HAVE IS THAT MOST PEOPLE  
7 DON'T ANY THAT THE BOARD MOVES QUICK ENOUGH. BUT ON THINGS SO  
8 THINGS WE DO HERE, WE DO LISTEN AND DO WANT TO MOVE AHEAD AND  
9 WE ALSO WANT TO PARTNER WITH OUR DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AS  
10 WELL AS OUR ACADEMIC PARTNERS AND ALSO PRIVATE PARTNERS,  
11 PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS. SO I THINK WE'RE MOVING IN THE RIGHT  
12 DIRECTION. WE KNOW WHAT THE STATISTICS ARE. I'M GLAD THAT MANY  
13 OF YOU WERE ABLE TO SHARE THAT, THAT WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE TO  
14 PREVENT A CHILD FROM LEADING A LIFE OF MISERY OR INCARCERATION  
15 BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ATTENDED TO WELL AT THE VERY BEGINNING. A  
16 CHILD NEEDS FULL ASSISTANCE AND CARE, TRAUMA CARE, WHEN IT'S  
17 INFORMED AND WHEN IT PROVIDES MEANINGFUL ASSISTANCE TO THEM  
18 THROUGHOUT THEIR ADULT LIFE. SO I AM VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE  
19 THIS ITEM BEFORE US AND WANT TO NOW ALLOW FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
20 WANTS TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THIS AND THANK HER FOR HER CO-  
21 AUTHORSHIP OF THIS MOTION.

22  
23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR  
24 TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS. I AGREE IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO  
25 UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE ACTIONS THAT WE TAKE. THE



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1 COSTS TO THE COUNTY. AND AS SPEAKERS AND I THINK THE  
2 COMMISSIONERS WHO CAME TO TESTIFY, AS WELL, THANK THEM VERY  
3 MUCH FOR THEIR WORK AND THEIR CARING. BUT I THINK THEY ALSO  
4 KNOW THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE THIS DATA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT  
5 THE ACTIONS THAT WE TAKE. AND IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE DID, I  
6 THINK, IN DEVELOPING THE HOMELESS INDITATIVE AND SOME VERY  
7 INTENTIONAL DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE TAKEN, BECAUSE IN THIS PAST  
8 YEAR, WE ACTUALLY MADE SOME PROGRESS IN REDUCING FAMILY  
9 HOMELESSNESS. THE 2015 L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT -- 2016,  
10 SHOWED AN 18 PERCENT DECLINE. NOW, THAT'S NOT EVEN ONE FIFTH,  
11 BUT IT'S A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER, A DECLINE IN FAMILY  
12 HOMELESSNESS. NOW THAT'S ONLY A POINT-IN-TIME COUNT, THAT  
13 PARTICULAR TIME. SO WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE SEE THE 2017 COUNT  
14 WHETHER THIS IS ACTUALLY REALLY TAKING HOLD. BUT IT'S VERY  
15 PROMISING. AND I WOULD SAY THE SUCCESS IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO  
16 OUR HOMELESS FAMILIES SOLUTION SYSTEM, WHICH IS MAKING A LOT  
17 OF PROGRESS IN RAPIDLY REHOUSING FAMILIES EXPERIENCING  
18 HOMELESSNESS. IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS, THE HOMELESS FAMILIES  
19 SOLUTIONS SYSTEM SUPPORTED MORE THAN 1500 FAMILIES TO MOVE  
20 BACK INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. I MEAN, AS I SAID LAST WEEK, IT'S  
21 REALLY DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE PEOPLE FALLING INTO  
22 HOMELESSNESS, BUT TO HOUSE 1500 FAMILIES IS PRETTY GOOD. THIS  
23 PROGRAM'S A COLLABORATION BETWEEN L.A.H.S.A., D.P.S.S., THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
25 AND CONTROL DIVISION, AND QUITE A FEW COMMUNITY-BASED





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1 NONPROFITS. SO I WANT TO COMMEND THEM, BECAUSE WHEN WE SAY WE  
2 WANT MORE DATA AND WE WANT TO DO MORE, I THINK IT'S ALWAYS  
3 IMPORTANT, TOO, TO PAUSE AND SAY: AND GOOD FOR THE WORK THAT  
4 YOU'RE DOING SO FAR AND HAVE DONE, BECAUSE WE'VE SHOWN THE  
5 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH REALLY WORKS. SO WE WANT EVERY  
6 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY THAT SERVES FAMILIES TO EMBRACE  
7 COLLABORATION, TO FOCUS ON PERMANENT HOUSING, AND TO PAY  
8 ATTENTION TO THE STRATEGIES THAT WE ADOPTED IN THE HOMELESS  
9 INITIATIVE. WE WANT TO LOOK AT THE STRATEGY LIKE B.6, THE  
10 FAMILY REUNIFICATION HOUSING SUBSIDY, AND STRATEGY A.1, THE  
11 HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES, BECAUSE THEY ARE  
12 ALREADY SHOWING SOME PROMISE. SO I THINK THE MORE DATA WE  
13 HAVE, THE MORE WE UNDERSTAND, THE MORE WE CAN TAILOR AND  
14 DIRECT THE PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE DOING. SO THANK YOU, MADAME  
15 CHAIR FOR THIS.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND, AGAIN, AND TO OUR  
18 COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES THESE  
19 ITEMS BEING HELD. EXECUTIVE OFFICE?

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
22 ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEMS 15, 18, 20, 21, 27-A AND 27-B.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
25 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW,



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1 MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS. SO WE WILL  
2 MOVE RIGHT INTO THAT.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY  
5 BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE  
6 SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO  
7 YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND  
8 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 1, ITEM  
13 NO. 1 IS A HEARING ON THE TRANSFER OF TERRITORY LOCATED IN THE  
14 CITY OF LA MIRADA, TAX ASSESSMENT ZONE B TO TAX ASSESSMENT  
15 ZONE A WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, A \$19  
16 INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT \$1 BASE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LA  
17 MIRADA ZONE B. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO  
18 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. GOOD AHEAD.

21

22 **JAMES CHON:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
23 JAMES CHON AND I AM THE HEAD OF STREET LIGHTING SECTION FOR  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE  
25 PROCEEDINGS TO TRANSFER APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION



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1 TERRITORY KNOWN AS TRACT NUMBER L.039-2015 FROM TAX ASSESSMENT  
2 ZONE B, UNLIGHTED ZONE, TO TAX ASSESSMENT ZONE A, LIGHTED  
3 ZONE, WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 10045 AND  
4 LA MIRADA ZONE B TO LA MIRADA ZONE A WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING  
5 DISTRICT, LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING OF 1, AND LEVYING AND  
6 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER TERRITORY  
7 IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY  
8 OF LA MIRADA. THE CITY OF LA MIRADA HAS EXECUTED RESOLUTION  
9 15-19 GRANTING CONSENT AND JURISDICTION TO THE COUNTY. IN MY  
10 OPINION, TRACT NUMBER L.039-2015 WILL BE BENEFITTED BY THE  
11 TRANSFER AND THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSE ADD  
12 SAYMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. THE BASE  
13 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATE WILL BE \$20 PER PARCEL FOR LA MIRADA  
14 ZONE A, WHICH REPRESENTS A \$19 INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT \$1  
15 BASE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR LA MIRADA ZONE B. IN THE EVENT THAT  
16 THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR  
17 BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER AND LEVY THE  
18 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

19  
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS ON  
21 THIS ITEM.

22  
23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. I'M JUST  
24 SPEAKING UP. I BELIEVE THE GENTLEMAN WHO MADE THE REPORT  
25 MENTIONED THAT THE CITY OF LA MIRADA HAS TRANSFERRED



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1 JURISDICTION TO THE COUNTY. SO WHEN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA WENT  
2 ABOUT THIS TRANSFER, WOULD IT HAVE BEEN NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC  
3 ABOUT HOW MANY PROPERTIES WOULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS  
4 TRANSFER, AND THE FACT THAT BY TRANSFERRING THE JURISDICTION  
5 TO THE COUNTY, THAT THOSE PROPERTIES WOULD BE LOOKING AT A \$19  
6 INCREASE IN THEIR ASSESSMENT? HOW MANY PROPERTIES WOULD BE  
7 AFFECTED, AND HOW WAS IT NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC? THAT'S QUITE A  
8 BIT OF MONEY TO GO UP, AS IT WAS A LIGHTING DISTRICT OPERATING  
9 ON A \$1 ASSESSMENT PER PROPERTY. NOW IT'S A LIGHTING DISTRICT  
10 OPERATING ON A \$20 ASSESSMENT PER PROPERTY. AND WHY THE  
11 DIFFERENCE IN THAT RATE, THAT BEING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF  
12 THE COUNTY WOULD CAUSE IT TO GO UP \$19? THAT WASN'T REALLY  
13 EXPLAINED BY THE GENTLEMAN. I DO APPRECIATE HIM BRINGING UP  
14 THE FACT THAT THE JURISDICTION WAS CHANGED. KIND OF REMINDED  
15 ME OF PORTER RANCH. BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY EXPLAIN HOW COME THE  
16 COUNTY HAS THE ABILITY TO CHARGE AN EXTRA \$19 TO THE  
17 PROPERTIES THAT WERE PROBABLY UP, WELL, I CAN'T SAY, BUT I  
18 WOULD ASSUME THAT THEY WERE OPERATING EFFICIENTLY AT A A \$1  
19 ASSESSMENT PER PROPERTY. AND THAT THE COUNTY HAS THE NEEDS TO  
20 CHARGE \$19. THERE'S AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA THAT TALKS ABOUT  
21 COST EFFICIENCIES. THAT DOESN'T SOUND VERY COST EFFICIENT. I'M  
22 SURE IF YOU ASKED ONE OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS, THEY MIGHT  
23 AGREE.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE?



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE  
4 PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS, AND TABLE  
5 THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND  
6 ACTION BY YOUR BOARD. THIS MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 2. THIS IS  
12 THE HEARING ON THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
13 FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
14 DISTRICT. THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, THE  
15 ACCUMULATIVE CAPITAL OUTLET FUND AND ZONES. THERE IS A  
16 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. DEPARTMENT?

19

20 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU AND I AM A CIVIL  
21 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
22 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO ADOPT A SEWER CHARGE FOR THE  
23 CONSOLIDATED -- SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR 2016-2017 AND  
24 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL.  
25 ALL CHARGES WILL REMAIN AT THEIR EXISTING RATES, EXCEPT THAT



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1 THE ADDITIONAL SEWER CHARGE OF \$219 IN THE MALIBU ZONE IS SET  
2 TO TERMINATE AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 AND WILL NO  
3 LONGER BE COLLECTED. THE REPORT OF THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES  
4 WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION,  
5 THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED. IN MY  
6 OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT  
7 THE ENTIRE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL, BECAUSE IT  
8 PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY AND COST-EFFECTIVE COLLECTION OF  
9 SUCH CHARGES FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER,  
12 ERIC PREVEN.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** SO, THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
15 DISTRICT. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE DISTRICT'S SEWER SYSTEM  
16 SPANS 500,000 PARCELS AND SERVES ABOUT A POPULATION OF ABOUT 2  
17 MILLION RESIDENTS, 36 CITIES, TWO CONTRACT CITIES, AND 9 TAX  
18 ZONES. SO IT'S A BIG OPERATION. AND THE WAY WE RUN THE MOTOR  
19 IS WE PROVIDE A LITTLE TAX. NOW THE GOOD NEWS IS, AS  
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAVE DISCUSSED OVER THE YEARS, THIS  
21 DOES NOT NECESSARILY AFFECT THE MARINA EVEN IF THE MARINA IS  
22 IN THE TITLE, BECAUSE WE BREAK IT OUT INTO TWO DISTRICTS, THE,  
23 I GUESS IT'S CALLED THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
24 DISTRICT WHICH SPANS LOTS OF PLACES IN THE COUNTY AND THEN THE  
25 MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, WHICH SPANS THE MARINA AND





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1 A LITTLE BIT PERHAPS ELSE AROUND IT. SO THE GOOD NEWS IS, AS I  
2 SAY, THE RATES ARE NOT GOING UP. SO IF I HAVE THAT CORRECT.  
3 THERE ARE MAYBE SOME RATE INCREASES BUT NOT IN THE MARINA, FOR  
4 THOSE THAT FOLLOW ALONG IN THE MARINA. AND I DID NOTICE  
5 ACTUALLY THAT IN THE MALIBU AREA, WE ARE ALSO NOT HAVING AN  
6 INCREASE. WE ARE HAVING SOMETHING, EXCEPT FOR TRACT 48853,  
7 LOTS 1 THROUGH 22 IN THE MALIBU ZONE, WHICH I DO NOT  
8 UNDERSTAND, I WILL CONFESS. BUT THIS IS ORDINARY BUSINESS  
9 MOVING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU FOR APPROVING IT.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. EXECUTIVE OFFICE?

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTESTS  
15 EXIST AGAINST THE PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT  
16 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
17 DISTRICT AND THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. AS A  
18 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE  
19 PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE REPORT TO FOLLOW COLLECTION OF  
20 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WITH THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR  
21 FISCAL YEAR 2016/17. THIS MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
24 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THIS  
25 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED AND WE'RE AFFIRMING.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS A PUBLIC  
3 HEARING ON ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING INTERIM  
4 ORDINANCE NO. 2016-0022.U THAT WILL TEMPORARILY IMPOSE A BAN  
5 ON THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY TESTING, AND  
6 DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND PROHIBIT THEIR  
7 ESTABLISHMENT ON ALL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
8 TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE IS NO  
9 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, MEMBERS, THEN WE'LL GO STRAIGHT  
12 TO SPEAKERS. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS IN LANCASTER, GREG  
13 HERNANDEZ, AND DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS.

14

15 **GREG HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE  
16 BOARD. MY NAME'S GREG HERNANDEZ. I COME FROM LAKE LOS ANGELES,  
17 OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE I REPRESENT THE ANTELOPE  
18 VALLEY CANNABIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE HISPANIC  
19 ORGANIZATION FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY. I'M HERE TODAY TO GO  
20 AHEAD AND SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF CANNABIS PATIENTS  
21 WHO WILL BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THE BAN THAT HAS BEEN  
22 PLACED ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. IT'S A  
23 SHAME THIS HAS HAPPENED, BECAUSE WHAT HAS ACTUALLY RESULTED IS  
24 THE DENIAL OF PLENTY OF INDIVIDUALS LIKE MYSELF WHO HAVE  
25 PHYSICAL INFIRMITIES THAT REQUIRE MEDICAL CANNABIS FOR USE. WE



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1 HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEIZURES. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
2 GLAUCOMA. WE HAVE THOSE WITH DEGENERATIVE BONE DISEASES,  
3 CHRONIC PAIN. AND UNFORTUNATELY THEY ARE DENIED THEIR  
4 MEDICATIONS NOW BECAUSE OF THE CLOSURE OF OUR CANNABIS  
5 CLINICS, OUR DISPENSARIES. WHAT THIS DOES IS ACTUALLY TAKES  
6 AND FORCES US TO GO TO EXTREME LENGTHS TO OBTAIN OUR  
7 MEDICATION. WE HAVE PATIENTS THAT ARE UP HERE NOW WHO GO ALL  
8 THE WAY UP TO KERN COUNTY IN ORDER TO GET THEIR MEDICATIONS OR  
9 THEY HAVE TO RESORT TO TRAVELING DOWN INTO THE SAN FERNANDO  
10 VALLEY IN VAN NUYS IN ORDER TO GET THEIR MEDICATIONS. AND THEN  
11 WE HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND TALK ABOUT THE EXPENSE. THE ONLY THING  
12 THAT THIS BAN HAS GONE AHEAD AND DONE IS REIGNITED THE BLACK  
13 MARKET HERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE AT ONE TIME WE WERE  
14 ABLE TO GO AHEAD AND PICK UP OUR MEDS FOR LIKE PERHAPS MAYBE  
15 AS LITTLE AS \$2,000 FOR 16 OUNCES. NOW WHAT WE HAVE TO GO  
16 AHEAD AND DO IS WE'RE PAYING UPWARDS OF \$4,000 TO OBTAIN OUR  
17 MEDICATIONS. AND THIS IS ACTUALLY DONE IN A COLLECTIVE MANNER  
18 SO THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND GET A LOWER PRICE, BECAUSE NOW YOU  
19 ARE PAYING ALMOST \$300 AN OUNCE FOR MEDICINAL CANNABIS. SO,  
20 PLEASE, WHAT WE'RE GOING AHEAD AND TALKING ABOUT IS A QUALITY  
21 OF LIFE ISSUE. THE BAN DOESN'T HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND PUNISH THE  
22 CANNABIS PATIENTS, BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS MONEY.  
23 WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE  
24 THERE'S NO DANGER THAT COMES FROM CANNABIS. THANK YOU.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? DIANA BEARD  
2 WILLIAMS.

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4 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND EVERYONE OUT  
5 THERE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO IS LISTENING, IN ADDITION TO THE  
6 BOARD, I SUFFER FROM A NUMBER OF DISEASES: DIABETES, P.T.S.D.  
7 I HAD CANCER OF THE THYROID. I HAVE SEVERE ANXIETY DUE TO 30  
8 YEARS OF TRYING TO ADVOCATE UP HERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR  
9 MANY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN WRONG, BEING PUT THROUGH BOGUS  
10 WARRANTS THAT THE F.B.I. AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT  
11 HAD TO GET INVOLVED IN ORDER TO PULL OUT OF THE COURT SYSTEM  
12 UP HERE, BECAUSE THEY WERE GAMES BEING PLAYED ON ME BY JUDGES  
13 AND OUR -- AND INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS THAT. I ASK YOU IN TERMS OF  
14 THIS ORDINANCE TO PLEASE TREAD VERY CAREFULLY. I TAKE A LOT OF  
15 MEDICATIONS, AND IT'S BEEN RECOMMENDED TO ME THAT CANNABIS  
16 WOULD BE A BETTER SOLUTION FOR ME IN TERMS OF MY KIDNEYS, MY  
17 LIVER, AND MY OVERALL HEALTH. THIS BAN HOLDS ME BACK FROM  
18 BEING ABLE TO TRY SOMETHING THAT WOULD PERHAPS PROLONG MY LIFE  
19 BY NOT POLLUTING MY SYSTEM IN THE WAY THAT ALL OF THESE LEGAL  
20 DRUGS DO. PLEASE THINK HARD AND FAST BEFORE YOU REALLY ATTACK  
21 THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PATIENTS LIKE MYSELF WHO HAVE HAD  
22 CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES BY BANNING SOMETHING THAT COULD  
23 REALLY PROLONG OUR LIVES, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE PHARMACEUTICAL  
24 AGENCIES WANT TO MAKE THEIR MONEY. AND THERE IS A BETTER WAY  
25 FOR US TO LIVE AND A BETTER WAY FOR MANY OF US TO HAVE QUALITY



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1 OF LIFE. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO TRY THIS PRODUCT IN LIEU OF  
2 TAKING 10 MEDICATIONS A DAY, 6 MILLIGRAMS OF XANAX A DAY. I  
3 WOULD RATHER TRY CANNABIS. PLEASE DO NOT HOLD ME BACK FROM  
4 THAT OPPORTUNITY BY TAKING THIS ORDINANCE SERIOUSLY AND  
5 PUTTING IT IN PLACE. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IS THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS?

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO. WE HAVE SEVERAL.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'LL WAIT, THEN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ALSO JOSH DRAYTON TO SPEAK ON THIS  
16 ITEM AND DARRYL CRUZ, DAVID CUNNINGHAM, MICHAEL LONG. WE'LL  
17 TRY TO CALL YOU UP IN PAIRS OF THREE OR FOUR SO WE CAN GET  
18 THROUGH THIS. THANK YOU. AND JUST STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE  
19 RECORD AND START.

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21 **JOSH DREYTON:** HI, I'M JOSH DRAYTON. I AM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
22 OF THE CALIFORNIA CANNABIS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. WE ARE A  
23 STATEWIDE TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR EVERY SECTOR OF THE CANNABIS  
24 INDUSTRY. WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OR MEMBERS THAT CULTIVATE,  
25 THAT DISPENSE, MANUFACTURE. WE ALSO DEAL WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE



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1 ATTORNEYS AND TESTING LABS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT A BAN IS  
2 IN PLACE HERE BECAUSE THERE'S NOT A REGULATORY STRUCTURE, WE  
3 WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE, BRINGING  
4 INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES FORWARD TO EDUCATE ON THIS MATTER.  
5 WE'VE BEEN DOING EVENTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
6 RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IS A LACK OF EDUCATION ON CANNABIS. I  
7 COME FROM A POLITICAL BACKGROUND. I WORKED FOR THE LAST TWO  
8 PRO TEMS OF THE SENATE AND JUST JUMPED INTO CANNABIS IN  
9 JANUARY, RECOGNIZING THE NEED. ALL THESE BANS IN SOUTHERN  
10 CALIFORNIA ARE DETRIMENTAL NOT ONLY TO THE PATIENTS BUT TO THE  
11 CANNABIS INDUSTRY. CANNABIS IS NOT GOING AWAY. AS WE LOOK TO  
12 THE FUTURE IN NOVEMBER, A.U.M.A. IS POLLING VERY HIGH AND DOES  
13 LOOK LIKE IT WILL PASS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO GET  
14 AHEAD OF THIS INSTEAD OF BEHIND. WE ARE WILLING TO BE A  
15 RESOURCE TO YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. THERE IS PLENTY OF DATA  
16 OUT THERE NOW THAT ACKNOWLEDGES MEDICAL CANNABIS AS BEING  
17 EFFECTIVE. THERE'S PLENTY OF DATA THAT CAN SHOW YOU THAT  
18 REGULATING DECREASES THE BLACK MARKET. IT DECREASES CRIME AND  
19 INCREASES PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD POINT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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23 **DAVID CUNNINGHAM:** YES. MY NAME'S DAVID CUNNINGHAM. AND I'M A  
24 PATIENT OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS SOCIETY, I GUESS YOU'D SAY.  
25 JUST A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT MYSELF. I WORKED IN THE FILM





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1 BUSINESS HERE IN L.A. AND I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE SINCE THE MID  
2 80S. I WAS WORKING ON A FILM BACK IN THE MID 90S CALLED  
3 "CYBORG 2" AND WE WERE SHOOTING ON AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. AND I  
4 STEPPED OFF INTO THE AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR, WHICH WAS DOWN ABOUT  
5 18 INCHES, AND IT FRACTURED MY BACK. WORKER'S COMP CAME IN.  
6 THEY RETRAINED ME TO DO SOMETHING ELSE, BECAUSE AT THAT TIME I  
7 WAS WORKING IN THE ART DEPARTMENT AS A CONSTRUCTION  
8 COORDINATOR. I WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO LIFT AND BEND AND DO THE  
9 THINGS THAT I HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO DO. SINCE THAT TIME, I'VE  
10 HAD TO GO IN AND HAVE NUMEROUS SPINAL INJECTIONS. AND IN 2007,  
11 AFTER SPINAL INJECTIONS HAD FAILED, THEY JUST CONTINUED TO  
12 INCREASE MY MEDICAL PAIN PILLS. I'M UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE  
13 RIGHT NOW AT A PAIN CLINIC. THEY PUT ME ON MORPHINE LAST YEAR.  
14 TO TRY TO CONTROL MY SITUATION. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU'RE ON  
15 PAIN MEDS FOR A LONG TIME, YOUR KIDNEYS START FAILING AND YOUR  
16 LIVER TAKES A HIT. AND SO MY DOCTOR AT THE PAIN CLINIC  
17 SUGGESTS I GO OUT AND TRY MEDICAL CANNABIS. AND I DON'T SMOKE.  
18 I NEVER DRANK. I'VE NEVER DONE ANY OTHER DRUGS. I'VE HAD GREAT  
19 PARENTS THAT TAUGHT ME THESE THINGS WERE DANGEROUS. AND I GOT  
20 HOOKED UP WITH A CLINIC THAT GAVE ME SOME C.B.D. OIL, AND IT  
21 HAS STARTED WORKING ON MY SPINE AND I'VE BEEN ABLE TO START  
22 REDUCING MY PAIN MEDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1   **DARRYL CRUZ:** THANK YOU. I AM DARRYL CRUZ. ON MARCH 28, 2006,  
2   SITTING RIGHT HERE, I SAID, "YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN A LITTLE  
3   MORE TIME TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE  
4   NUMBER OF PLANTS ALLOWED TO GROW OR THE LOCATION OF THOSE  
5   PLANTS OR HOW TO DISTRIBUTE." REGIONAL PLANNING SAID CANNABIS  
6   WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE CODE. THEY SAID I COULD HAVE A 20-TON  
7   PRESS IN MY ZONE. COUNTY AGRICULTURE SAID I NEEDED AN  
8   APPLICATOR'S LICENSE FOR THE USE OF PESTICIDE. BUT NO  
9   PESTICIDE IS REGISTERED FOR USE ON CANNABIS. I CULTIVATE  
10   ORGANICALLY AND PRESS OIL OUT OF MOST OF IT. YOU DID NOTHING  
11   FOR 10 YEARS. THEN YOU CLAIMED AN URGENCY ON THE MATTER AND MY  
12   USE IS BANNED? THAT JUST DOES NOT SEEM COMPASSIONATE. WHAT ARE  
13   YOU WAITING FOR? REGULATE IT. YOUR BANS DON'T WORK. YOU DON'T  
14   ENFORCE THEM. IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR, I PROVIDE TO RICK  
15   VELASQUEZ OF DON KNABE'S OFFICE, FIVE COPIES OF A SPEECH ON  
16   THE HISTORY OF NONMEDICAL USE OF DRUGS. RICK SAID HE WOULD  
17   FORWARD ONE OF THE COPIES TO EACH DISTRICT. I WANTED TO BE  
18   SURE YOU HAD THE FACTS ABOUT MARIJUANA PROHIBITION AND THE  
19   FAILED DRUG WAR. DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO VIEW THOSE?  
20   ADDITIONALLY, I PROVIDED RICK A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REPORT ON  
21   THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF MARIJUANA AND DRUG ABUSE. BOTH OF  
22   THOSE DOCUMENTS PRESENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE REASONS FOR  
23   MARIJUANA PROHIBITION. PROHIBITION IS BASED ON LIES AND HATE.  
24   NO ONE HERE COULD AGREE WITH THOSE LIES. CAN'T EVEN SAY THOSE  
25   THINGS TODAY. WOW, I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER. THANK YOU.



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2   **MICHAEL LONG:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MICHAEL ANTHONY LONG. I  
3   AM A WORKING PROFESSIONAL AND A CANNABIS PATIENT. EXCUSE ME, A  
4   LITTLE NERVOUS TODAY. I USE CANNABIS TO MEDICATE AND TAKE CARE  
5   OF MY NEEDS FOR MY DAILY LIFE. I SEE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION  
6   IN HOW -- ACTUALLY I SEE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN HOW I'M ABLE  
7   TO CONCENTRATE AND BE A BETTER PARTICIPANT IN SOCIETY. WHEN I  
8   WAS YOUNGER, I ACTUALLY WAS ON THE SCOPE OF MEDICATIONS, AND  
9   THE NEGATIVES OUTWEIGHED ANY OF THE POSITIVES. AND I WOULD  
10   REALLY, REALLY, REALLY ASK THE COUNCIL TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT  
11   IS THEY ARE GOING FORWARD WITH AND HELP PATIENTS AND PRODUCERS  
12   OF CANNABIS THAT SERIOUSLY BOTH NEED ONE ANOTHER. THANK YOU.

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14   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANOTHER SET OF  
15   SPEAKERS. JONATAN CVETKO, TRACY RYAN, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD  
16   SACHS, JONATHAN GARBER, KATHLEEN VILLAREAL, AND DR. GENEVIEVE  
17   CLAVREUL. GO AHEAD, ERIC.

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19   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, GREETINGS. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. AND I JUST  
20   WANT TO REMIND THAT, A, THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM, AND MARK  
21   RIDLEY-THOMAS IS IN SACRAMENTO, B, THIS HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA  
22   BEFORE. AND THE REASON WHY IT'S ON THE AGENDA AGAIN, MAYOR  
23   ANTONOVICH IS NOT TRYING TO PROVOKE US. THIS IS ON THE AGENDA  
24   BECAUSE THERE'S A 45-DAY REQUIREMENT BY THE LAW AND THEN IT  
25   WILL GO ANOTHER 90 DAYS. SO THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. BUT IT IS



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1 ABOUT BANNING THE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND VARIOUS THINGS,  
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I KNOW HISTORICALLY YOU HAVE STOOD WITH  
3 THE PATIENTS WHO ARE SEEKING TREATMENT. NOW, BANNING IS A  
4 STRONG LANGUAGE. I THINK PEOPLE ARE COMFORTABLE WITH A KIND OF  
5 REGULATION, AND I THINK THE PEOPLE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ARE  
6 ENTITLED SOME FAIR PLAY THERE. THERE ARE APPARENTLY SOME BAD  
7 ACTORS, IS THE TERM, WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH ANY KIND OF  
8 DECENCY. BUT NOW THAT IS A BIG CONCERN. BUT TO BAN IN THIS  
9 CASE THE DISTRIBUTION. BRUCKNER HAS GONE OFF TO DO A LITTLE  
10 RESEARCH. I KNOW PEOPLE ARE GIGGLING BECAUSE THEY THINK, OH,  
11 HE'S GONE OUT TO SAMPLE AND SORT OF GET BAKED OUT IN THE  
12 VALLEY, AS MANY DO. BUT SERIOUSLY, THIS IS AN AREA WHERE THEY  
13 SHOULD NOT BE BANNING. THEY SHOULD BE POSSIBLY EMBRACING. WE  
14 HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF OPEN SPACE THERE. THERE COULD BE  
15 TAXATION. THERE COULD BE REGULATION. I REALLY THINK THAT THE  
16 BOARD OUGHT TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MODIFYING ITS LANGUAGE. AND  
17 FINALLY I JUST WANT TO, SINCE THE ONLY THING ANYBODY CARES  
18 ABOUT IS BIG-TIME SPORTS, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK  
19 TIMES JUST A WEEK OR SO AGO ABOUT A BIG N.F.L. GUY THERE, AND  
20 OTHERS, THAT CAME OUT, BASICALLY AND SAID THAT N.F.L. PLAYERS  
21 SHOULD NOT BE BANNED FROM UTILIZING MARIJUANA BECAUSE IN FACT  
22 IT IS HELPFUL TO THEM. NOW, HOW THEY WOULD KNOW THAT IS A GOOD  
23 QUESTION. BUT I THINK THAT THEY KNOW THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
24 SAMPLED IT AND SEE IT WORKS. SO REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL  
25 TODAY OR OTHERS, PLEASE DO NOT BAN THIS PRODUCT. THANK YOU.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **TRACY RYAN:** MY NAME IS TRACY RYAN. I'M THE CEO OF THE  
5 CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE CALLED CANNAKIDS, AND I'M ALSO THE  
6 MOTHER OF A DAUGHTER, OF A LITTLE GIRL NAMED SOPHIE RYAN WHO  
7 WAS DIAGNOSED 8 1/2 MONTHS OLD WITH A OPTIC PATHWAY BRAIN  
8 TUMOR. THROUGH THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, WE HAVE SHRANK  
9 THE TUMOR THAT WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO SHRINK, AND IF IT DID, IT  
10 WAS MINIMAL AT BEST. WE HAVE SAVED HER VISION WHEN WE WERE  
11 TOLD SHE WAS GOING TO BE ALMOST COMPLETELY BLIND. IT HAS SAVED  
12 HER FROM ONSET CHEMO FEVERS. SHE HAS CONTINUED TO GROW AND  
13 FLOURISH AND HAVE A NORMAL HEALTHY LIFE DESPITE 25 MONTHS OF  
14 CHEMOTHERAPY. THROUGH CANNAKIDS ORGANIZATION, WE HAVE SEEN  
15 THESE SAME RESULTS IN CHILDREN ALL OVER CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE  
16 CHILDREN WHO WERE SENT HOME TO DIE WITH 30 DAYS TO LIVE AND NO  
17 CHANCE OF SURVIVAL ONLY TO FIND THAT 90 DAYS AFTER STARTING  
18 MEDICAL CANNABIS, THEIR CANCER WAS COMPLETELY GONE AND A YEAR  
19 LATER THEY'RE STILL IN FULL REMISSION. WE HAVE LEUKEMIA  
20 PATIENTS WHO WERE DYING, FEEDING TUBES, SKIN AND BONES, COULD  
21 NOT PICK THEIR HEAD UP OR WALK, AND WITHIN TWO MONTHS, THEY  
22 WERE BACK IN SCHOOL, FEEDING TUBES WERE OUT, THEIR FEVERS HAD  
23 STOPPED, THEIR VOMITING HAD STOPPED, AND THEY WERE LIVING A  
24 FULL AND HEALTHY LIFE. I AM BEGGING YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR  
25 PATIENTS TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS BAN. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN



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1 COLLABORATION WITH THE TECHNEON INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL, WHO HAS  
2 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND THE PERMISSION OF THE MINISTRY OF  
3 HEALTH TO TRIAL MEDICAL CANNABIS FOR THE USE OF CANCER.  
4 THEY'VE ALREADY PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN IN THEIR LABS THAT  
5 CANNABIS KILLS CANCER. AND THROUGH THIS RESEARCH AND OUR  
6 COLLABORATION EFFORTS WITH THEM, OUR GOALS IS TO CREATE  
7 MEDICINE THAT IS SPECIFIC NOT ONLY TO TREAT DISEASE OR CANCER  
8 BUT GENETICALLY MUTATED CANCERS. THESE PATIENTS NEED YOUR  
9 HELP. THEY ARE LIVING, BREATHING, AND THRIVING BECAUSE OF THIS  
10 PLANT. AND IT'S NOT JUST CANCER. IT'S AUTISM, EPILEPSY,  
11 P.T.S.D., CROHN'S DISEASE, H.I.V. THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND  
12 ON. SO I'M ASKING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO OPEN YOUR HEARTS  
13 AND MINDS TO THESE PATIENTS AND NOT LOOK AT THIS AS A STONER  
14 DRUG THAT JUST GETS PEOPLE HIGH. BUT IT IS TRULY MUCH MORE  
15 THAN THAT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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19 **JONATHAN GARBER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JONATHAN GARBER. I AM A  
20 MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT IN LOS ANGELES. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE  
21 BAN. CULTIVATORS, DISPENSARIES, DELIVERY SERVICES, AND  
22 MANUFACTURERS HAVE SERVED OUR COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS NOW.  
23 AND WE NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGULATE THE INDUSTRY,  
24 PROTECT PATIENTS AND OUR COMMUNITIES. THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL  
25 REGULATION, LICENSING ARE MANY. THE PROBLEMS ARE OVERSTATED.





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1 THE DIFFERENT BANS ON MEDICAL CANNABIS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE  
2 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED DISABLED AND LOWER INCOME PATIENTS  
3 OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE BANS HAVE PUSHED BUSINESSES INTO THE  
4 SHADOWS WHERE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REGULATE THEM. REGULATED  
5 CULTIVATION AND RETAIL CAN BE EASILY MONITORED AND POLICED.  
6 REGULATED CANNABIS BUSINESSES WILL CREATE JOBS, GENERATE TAX  
7 REVENUE, AND BRING OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY.  
8 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN  
9 RECENTLY DIRECTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO REGULATE  
10 MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION. WE TRUST THEM TO REGULATE  
11 EXISTING AGRICULTURE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WHY DOES L.A. COUNTY  
12 NEED ANOTHER 10-1/2 MONTHS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REGULATE  
13 CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND WHERE THEY CAN OCCUR ZONING-WISE?  
14 THIS CAN AND SHOULD BE FIGURED OUT UNDER A REASONABLE AMOUNT  
15 OF TIME AND WITHOUT PUNISHING PATIENTS. THANK YOU.

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17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **JONATAN CVETKO:** HELLO MY NAME IS JONATAN CVETKO. TODAY I AND  
20 OTHERS HERE HAVE COME TO ASK YOU FOR TWO THINGS, RECONSIDERING  
21 THE EXTENDING OF THE BAN ON MEDICAL CANNABIS AND TO GIVE US A  
22 BETTER WAY FOR US STAKEHOLDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY BY  
23 THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. IT'S BEEN  
24 SUGGESTED THAT THE BAN IS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND  
25 WELFARE. ON BEHALF OF OTHERS WHOM I HAVE TAKEN CARE OF, I CAN



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1 TELL YOU THAT THIS BAN DOES NOT ACCOMMODATE FOR THEIR HEALTH,  
2 SAFETY OR WELFARE. THERE IS A PATIENT, A HUSBAND AND FATHER OF  
3 THREE, WHO HAS SUFFERED FROM CHRONIC PAIN FOR YEARS WHOSE  
4 DOCTORS WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A DIAGNOSIS OR ANY  
5 TYPE OF SURGICAL RELIEF AND HAVE PUSHED NORCO AND VICODIN TO  
6 THE POINT OF LIVER COMPLICATIONS, ULTIMATELY BECOMING RELIANT  
7 ON DRUGS THAT WERE DESTROYING HIS ORGANS WHILE PROVIDING  
8 INCREASINGLY LIMITED PAIN RELIEF WITH HIGHER AND HIGHER  
9 DOSAGE. HE HAS SWITCHED TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND HAS BEEN ABLE  
10 TO CONTROL HIS PAIN IN A HEALTHIER MANNER THAT HAS ALLOWED FOR  
11 HIS LIVER TO RECOVER. A GRANDMOTHER WHO SUFFERS FIBROMYALGIA  
12 FOUND HERSELF UNABLE TO SLEEP DUE TO CHRONIC INSOMNIA WITH THE  
13 PAIN, AND SHE WAS THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER OF HER BLIND HUSBAND.  
14 THIS TOO, MEDICAL CANNABIS, HAS HELPED THEM. THERE'S ANOTHER  
15 PATIENT AS A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO SUFFERS FROM SEIZURES, AND  
16 HE'S BEEN ABLE TO CALM THEM THROUGH THE USE OF HIGH C.B.D.  
17 MEDICAL CANNABIS. THERE ARE COUNTLESS OTHERS OUT THERE WHO  
18 NEED YOUR HELP, AND THIS BAN IN NO WAY HELPS THEIR HEALTH,  
19 SAFETY OR WELFARE. THESE AREN'T PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONNECTION TO  
20 THE BLACK MARKET TO BE ABLE TO FIND MEDICINE THEY NEED. NOW  
21 THAT THE BAN HAS PREVENTED THEM FROM GETTING IT. NOR IS IT  
22 POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO DRIVE SEVERAL HOURS TO THE AREAS THAT  
23 THEY HAVE REGULATED MEDICAL CANNABIS. THESE ARE HONEST, GOOD  
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING HELP, UNTIL RECENTLY WERE ABLE TO FIND  
25 IT WITH THE PROTECTION OF LAWS THAT GOVERNED MEDICAL CANNABIS



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1 FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS NOW. THIS YEAR TO DATE, WE FOUND PATIENTS  
2 LIKE MANY OTHERS HAVE ON A ROLLER COASTER RIDE FROM  
3 REGULATIONS AS YOU GUYS ARE FIGURING THEM OUT. FROM THE FIRST  
4 45 DAY BAN TO IT LAPSING AND SEVERAL WEEKS LATER THE CURRENT  
5 45-DAY BAN THAT WE FIND OURSELVES HERE TALKING ABOUT. WE  
6 ENCOURAGE THE REGULATIONS, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A BETTER TO  
7 GO ABOUT IT THAN JUST A BAN. THE ONLY THING THAT HAS MADE  
8 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHY IS THE  
9 LACK OF REGULATION NEEDED FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS. IF THIS BAN  
10 CONTINUES, IT WILL ENCOURAGE THE BLACK MARKET TO GROW AND FOR  
11 PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THE SHADOWS SEEKING MEDICINE, AND THAT COULD  
12 PROVE DANGEROUS OTHERWISE. LASTLY I WANT TO SAY COLORADO HAS  
13 CURRENTLY PUT A TAX ON THEIR CANNABIS PROGRAM TO HELP THE  
14 HOMELESS PEOPLE. SOMETHING WE COULD LOOK INTO AS WELL HERE.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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18 **KATHLEEN VILLAREAL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KATHLEEN  
19 VILLAREAL. I AM A CONSULTANT AND CANNABIS ADVOCATE. I AM HERE  
20 TO EXPRESS MY ADVOCACY TO REGULATE THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY AND  
21 MY OPPOSITION TO BAN IT AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 2016-002 TO  
22 YOU. THE BAN WILL FORCE A LARGE POPULATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS  
23 PATIENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF LOS ANGELES TO TURN TO  
24 THE BLACK MARKET FOR MEDICATION, MANY OF WHO NEED IT SOMETIMES  
25 DAILY TO TREAT THEIR ILLNESSES. IT HAS BEEN USED AS A



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1     SUBSTITUTE, AS YOU HEARD IN PREVIOUS TESTIMONIES, AS A  
2     SUBSTITUTE TO OTHER PAINFUL MEDICATIONS, WHICH MANY TIMES LEAD  
3     TO ADDITIONAL ILLNESSES AND ORGAN FAILURE. IT HAS BEEN  
4     SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN TO HELP REDUCE CANCER CELLS IN THE BODY  
5     AND IT HAS TREATED INSOMNIA AND P.T.S.D., EATING DISORDERS,  
6     AND A HOST OF SO MANY MORE ILLNESSES. THE ORDINANCE WILL TAKE  
7     AWAY SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICATION THESE PATIENTS NEED TO LIVE  
8     MANY WHO DO NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO PURCHASE THEIR CANNABIS  
9     AT OTHER LOCATIONS. AND THEY RELY ON THEIR LOCAL CLINICS, WHOM  
10    THEY HAVE GROWN TO TRUST AND RELY ON. NOT ONLY DOES THIS  
11    ORDINANCE TAKE AWAY SAFE ACCESS TO THE MEDICATION, BUT IT ALSO  
12    ELIMINATES JOBS, COMMERCE, AND SOMETIMES FREEDOM AS PEOPLE ARE  
13    INCARCERATED, BUSINESSES ARE DESTROYED. THIS ORDINANCE WILL  
14    AFFECT SO MANY LIVES IN SUCH NEGATIVE WAYS. CALIFORNIA IS  
15    TAKING STEPS TOWARDS REGULATING MOVING FORWARD WITH THE  
16    REGULATION OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY. AT THIS POINT BANNING THE  
17    INDUSTRY WOULD BE TAKING STEPS BACKWARDS. IN ADDITION, IT  
18    SEEMS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CORRESPONDENCES IN REGARDS TO  
19    THE ORDINANCE OUTLINES A 10-MONTH AND 10-DAY BAN. HOWEVER, THE  
20    ORDINANCE ITSELF IN SECTION 2 STATES THAT THERE WOULD BE A 10-  
21    MONTH AND 15-DAY WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND AN ADDITIONAL YEAR.  
22    IN REALITY, THIS ORDINANCE PRESENTS A BAN FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS  
23    WHILE MANY CITIES IN CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE ALREADY EFFECTIVELY  
24    AND SUCCESSFULLY REGULATED THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY. WHY WASTE  
25    TWO YEARS OF TAXPAYER MONEY IN LOCAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO



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1 ENSURE THESE COLLECTIVES REMAIN CLOSED? THEY HAVE NOT BEEN  
2 FULLY PERMITTED FOR MANY YEARS YET CONTINUALLY OPENED UP.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
5 COMMENTS. ARNOLD SACHS.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
8 THIS IS SOMEWHAT -- THIS IS MORE LIKE TEAM EX-LAX MOVING THE  
9 MOTION HERE. A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING STUDY? HOW COMPREHENSIVE  
10 DO YOU HAVE TO GET INTO THIS? WOULD IT BE LIKE THE  
11 COMPREHENSIVE PARK PROPOSITION YOU JUST CAME UP WITH? SOMEBODY  
12 JUST MENTIONED THE MAGIC WORD, COLORADO AND THE DOLLARS.  
13 THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. THIS IS ABOUT TRYING TO MAKE SURE  
14 THAT YOU GET AS MUCH MONEY FLOWING TO THE SELECT FEW PEOPLE  
15 THAT OWN PROPERTY IN L.A. AS YOU CAN POSSIBLY LOOK AT, BECAUSE  
16 YOU'RE NOT TURNING YOUR HEADS ON ANY MONEY THAT'S GOING TO  
17 FLOW OUT OF THIS BUSINESS. YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT LISTENING  
18 TO THE PUBLIC. YOU HAD A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, MAYBE A MONTH AGO  
19 AN ORDINANCE ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. WELL, THIS IS A  
20 PRESCRIPTION DRUG. YOU WANTED TO MAKE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MORE  
21 AFFORDABLE FOR PEOPLE SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THEM.  
22 THIS IS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT YOU'RE BANNING. SO ON WHICH  
23 FOOT ARE YOU STANDING ON? PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BEING AFFORDABLE  
24 OR BANNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS? THIS IS THE COUNTY RIDING THAT  
25 TRAIN ON ONE RAIL, AND YOU JUST HAVE TO LISTEN AND HOPE YOU



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1 CAN PICK THE RIGHT TRACK. IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT THIS IS WHAT  
2 WE LISTEN TO ON A DAILY BASIS. I THINK I'LL GO LOOK TO SEE IF  
3 I CAN FIND A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CLINIC.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
8 FIRST OF ALL, MARIJUANA IS NOT A PRESCRIBED MEDICINE IN THE  
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IT COME UNDER SCHEDULE 1 WHICH IS ILLEGAL  
10 TO PRESCRIBE. SO I THINK FIRST OF ALL YOU WILL HAVE TO HAVE  
11 FEDERAL LAW AND STATE LAW KIND OF MATCHING, BECAUSE  
12 TECHNICALLY MARIJUANA IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS SCHEDULE  
13 1. IT CANNOT BE PRESCRIBED. BUT I WILL EMPHASIZE THAT MORE  
14 RESEARCH HAS REALLY BEEN NEEDED. I THINK THE MARIJUANA THAT IS  
15 BEING CULTIVATED TODAY IS NOT THE SAME MARIJUANA THAT WAS  
16 CULTIVATED MANY YEARS AGO. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF RESEARCH  
17 PROVING THAT. AND ACTUALLY ONE PHYSICIAN WHO HAS DONE A LOT OF  
18 STUDY ON THAT FOR MANY, MANY YEARS IS DR. DON ABRAMS, WHO HAS  
19 DONE RESEARCH AS WELL AS THE N.I.H. WHO HAS DONE SOME VERY  
20 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON IT. SO I WILL HIGHLY EMPHASIZE THAT YOU  
21 PROVIDE YOURSELF WITH INFORMATION AND FINDING, BECAUSE I THINK  
22 A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GROWING MARIJUANA TODAY ARE NOT VERY  
23 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE MARIJUANA THEY ARE  
24 SELLING AND THE POTENTIAL THE SIDE EFFECTS OF IT. SO I  
25 DEFINITELY FEEL THAT IT SHOULD BE RESEARCHED, IT SHOULD BE





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1 CERTIFIED, AND IT SHOULD BE SOME LAW CONTROLLING THE  
2 DISTRIBUTION. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE MAKING MONEY ON THAT AND ARE  
3 USING TO MISGUIDE THE PATIENTS ALSO. I WROTE A PIECE ON PAIN  
4 YOU MIGHT ENJOY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED ON  
7 THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS IS A BIT OF A  
10 THREAD-THE- NEEDLE ISSUE FOR ME TODAY, BECAUSE THE BAN IS IN  
11 PLACE, AND THE BAN ABOUT WHICH WE'RE TALKING IS NOT THE BAN ON  
12 DISPENSARIES, WHICH WOULD STAY IN PLACE, BUT A BAN ON  
13 CULTIVATION, ET CETERA, WHICH IF IT WAS NOT CONTINUED TODAY,  
14 WOULD MEAN THERE WOULD BE NO REGULATION AT ALL IN TERMS OF  
15 GROWING AND THE OTHER THINGS COVERED BY THE BAN. SO BECAUSE MY  
16 COLLEAGUE IS IN SACRAMENTO ADVOCATING FOR SOMETHING ABOUT  
17 WHICH I CARE VERY MUCH IN TERMS OF HOMELESS FUNDING, I DECIDED  
18 THAT I WOULD VOTE TODAY TO CONTINUE THIS FOR ONE MONTH; THAT  
19 IS, TO ALLOW THE BAN TO STAY IN PLACE FOR A MONTH. AND THERE'S  
20 SEVERAL REASONS FOR THAT. ONE IS: I DON'T THINK THAT THIS  
21 BOARD, AS CONSTITUTED, IS GOING TO AGREE TO REMOVE A BAN. AND  
22 I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO ADOPT REGULATIONS IN THE NEAR  
23 FUTURE. HOWEVER, I DO KNOW THE ITEMS ON THE BALLOT IN  
24 NOVEMBER, IN MY OPINION, HAVE A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING.  
25 IF THEY DO PASS, WE MUST REGULATE AND NOT BAN. AND I WOULD



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1 HOPE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE AT LEAST THINKING -- AND I AM  
2 ASSURED THAT SOME OF THEM ARE -- ABOUT HOW WE WOULD APPROACH  
3 REGULATION. THAT ISSUE MAY BE CONSIDERED BY A NEWLY  
4 CONSTITUTED BOARD, WHICH IS ALSO GOING TO BE IN OFFICE AFTER  
5 THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. AND SO I THINK FOR NOW, AND WE'LL TALK  
6 ABOUT THIS AGAIN IN A MONTH, THAT IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO  
7 CONTINUE THE BAN FOR A MONTH THAN TO HAVE NO REGULATION AT  
8 ALL. PART OF THE THREAD-THE-NEEDLE PART FOR ME HAS TO DO WITH  
9 HOW MARIJUANA IS CULTIVATED, BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW I CARE A LOT  
10 ABOUT HOW GRAPES ARE CULTIVATED, WHETHER WE'RE USING TOO MUCH  
11 WATER, TOO MUCH THIS AND THAT. AND I DON'T WANT TO REGULATE  
12 GRAPES MORE THAN I REGULATE OTHER CROPS, INCLUDING MARIJUANA.  
13 SO THAT KIND OF REGULATION, IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS,  
14 HAS TO BE PART OF IT, AS WELL. I THINK FOR THE 30 OR 31 DAYS  
15 THAT IT'S MORE IN OUR INTEREST TO CONTINUE THE BAN, TO  
16 CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION. BUT FOR ME, I WANT TO LOOK FORWARD  
17 PAST NOVEMBER TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT GOOD REGULATION, WHICH ALL  
18 OF OUR OR MOST OF OUR WITNESSES HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD  
19 WELCOME, AS WELL, WOULD BE FAIRER AND MAYBE EVEN LESS OF A  
20 PASTICHE ACROSS OUR 88 CITIES, AS WELL. SO THAT'S MY GOAL  
21 TODAY.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT. I  
24 APPRECIATE THE SPEAKERS THAT CAME OUT TODAY. I KNOW THIS IS A  
25 VERY HARD ISSUE FOR MYSELF, BECAUSE IN THE PAST, I'VE



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1 SUPPORTED THE USE OF MEDICINAL MARIJUANA USE FOR EXACTLY SOME  
2 OF THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE CAME TO SPEAK OUT TO US ABOUT THIS.  
3 BUT I DO KNOW THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN OUR  
4 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS COME TO MY  
5 ATTENTION IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO  
6 LOOKING AT THIS FOR A MONTH, I THINK, HELPS US TO THINK  
7 THOUGHTFULLY HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE  
8 THERE WILL BE CHANGES COME IN THE FALL IN NOVEMBER. SO I AGREE  
9 WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WILL BE COMING BEFORE THE BOARD  
10 IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. SO PLEASE UNDERSTAND WHERE WE  
11 ARE, SOME OF US ARE TRYING TO COME FROM. SO WITH THAT, AT THIS  
12 TIME, MEMBERS, I'D ASK THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVE THIS ITEM TO  
13 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT WE CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO  
14 JUNE 28TH.

15

16 **COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, YOU WOUDN'T ACTUALLY CONTINUE THE ITEM.  
17 WHAT YOU'D HAVE TO DO IS APPROVE A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE  
18 BAN. AND THEN AT THAT NEXT, WHICH I THINK IS JUNE 28TH, THEN  
19 YOU COULD TAKE UP A DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANTED  
20 TO CONTINUE THE BAN AGAIN. AFTER THAT POINT, YOU WILL WANT TO  
21 CONTINUE THIS ITEM. YOU'D HAVE TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION UNTIL  
22 JUNE 28TH.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, WE'LL, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
25 KNABE, MOVE TO EXTEND THIS ITEM FOR JUNE 28TH OF 2016? RIGHT,



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1 YES, EXTEND THE BAN. SO MOVED. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
2 OKAY. AND AT WHICH TIME, WE WILL COME BACK AND FURTHER THIS,  
3 CONTINUE THIS DEBATE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE PUBLIC  
6 HEARING ITEM NO. 4. THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE PROPOSED  
7 CONTINUANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2015/16 LEVYING OF THE ANNUAL  
8 ASSESSMENTS IN COUNTY LIGHTING, DISTRICT LANDSCAPING LIGHTING  
9 ACT 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 IN ALL ZONES IDENTIFIED IN THE  
10 ENGINEERS REPORT AT THE SAME RATE. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL  
11 STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **JAMES CHON:** MY NAME IS JAMES CHON AND I AM THE HEAD OF STREET  
16 LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
17 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF  
18 THE ANNUAL STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING  
19 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 FOR ALL ZONES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17. AT  
20 THE SAME RATES ARE BEING LEVIED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. IN MY  
21 OPINION, ALL THE REMAINING TERRITORIES WITHIN L.L.A.-1 WILL  
22 CONTINUE TO BE BENEFITED BY THE SERVICES PROVIDED, AND THE  
23 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ZONES CONTINUE TO BE SPREAD IN  
24 PROPORTION TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO THE INVOLVED  
25 PROPERTIES. IN MY OPINION, IT IS JUST AND EQUITABLE AND IN THE



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1 PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR INSTALLATION AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS BE MADE A CHARGE ON THE  
3 EXISTING DISTRICTS AS A WHOLE IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017. WE  
4 HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED LEVY OF THE  
5 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE A PUBLIC SPEAKER. ARNOLD SACHS  
8 ON THIS ITEM. NO. 4.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I WAS READING  
11 ITEM NO. 1 AND 4, THEY ARE BOTH THE COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
12 LANDSCAPING LIGHTING ACT 1 L.L.1 -- L.L.A.1. BUT SO IN ITEM  
13 NO. 1, YOUR ASSESSMENT IS \$20 FOR EACH PROPERTY. WOULD THAT  
14 MEAN THAT SINCE IT'S THE SAME ACT, THE SAME LIGHTING DISTRICT,  
15 WILL THAT MEAN THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THESE PROPERTIES ARE  
16 \$20? WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO CLARIFY THAT? I'M SURE I WON'T GET  
17 AN ANSWER ON THAT. BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW THAT -- OR IS  
18 IT A PROPORTION? I MEAN, I HEARD A GENTLEMAN MENTION THAT  
19 THEIR ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON A PROPORTION OF THE BENEFITS. SO,  
20 IS \$20 THE LOWEST TIER OF THE BENEFITS THAT ANYBODY WOULD  
21 RECEIVE AND IT GOES UP? IS IT LIKE A TIERED LIGHTING? I MEAN,  
22 HAVE WE HEARD THE SAME KIND OF NONSENSE WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT  
23 THE WATER DISTRICTS THAT YOU REPRESENT? AND SPEAKING OF THAT,  
24 ARE YOU BOARD MEMBERS OF THESE LIGHTING DISTRICTS, IS THIS  
25 ANOTHER BOARD THAT YOU SIT ON THE LIGHTING DISTRICT? NO. THANK



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1 YOU, SIR. I APPRECIATE THAT ANSWER. I GOT SOMETHING. I SHOULD  
2 GO HOME AND BE HAPPY. I GOT ANOTHER SOMETHING. I'M 2 FOR 2  
3 HERE. DON KNABE SPEAKS UP. ANYWAY, MY REAL QUESTION IS, IS  
4 THIS INCREASE IN ITEM NO. 1 WAS \$19. IS THAT THE BASE LIGHTING  
5 DISTRICT L.L.A. IS \$20 AND THEN THE ASSESSMENTS INCREASE, I  
6 GUESS, PROPORTIONALLY ON THE BENEFITS TO THE HOUSES, AND IT  
7 COULD GO UP TO WHAT WOULD BE THE HIGHEST RATE? KIND OF LIKE  
8 WHAT YOU DO WITH SALARIES WHEN YOU REFIGURE THE SALARIES,  
9 SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC  
12 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
15 AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
16 HEARING AND TO MOVE THIS ITEM.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. IT'S BEEN  
19 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH  
20 WILL BE THE ORDER.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS ITEM WAS HELD  
23 WITH ITEM 1-D AND 1-H. THIS IS A HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE  
24 ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 TO ENABLE THE LOS ANGELES  
25 URBAN COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER A TOTAL OF \$35,885,568





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1 IN 42ND PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.  
2 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
3 RECEIVED.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THEN WE'LL GO STRAIGHT TO THE  
6 SPEAKERS. WE HAVE RUTH SARNOFF AND ARNOLD SACHS.

7

8 **RUTH SARNOFF:** GOOD MORNING. I WAS HOPING THERE WOULD BE SOME  
9 EXPLANATION OF THIS. I'VE BEEN NOTICING THAT THERE ARE SO MANY  
10 PROJECTS AND SO MUCH MONEY BEING FUNDED FOR THINGS THAT DO NOT  
11 -- ARE NOT BEING COVERED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
12 QUALITY ACT, AND IT'S VERY DISTURBING TO ME. AND I JUST WAS  
13 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO INPUT SOME CONCERNS THAT MAY BE A  
14 BIT GENERAL FOR THIS PARTICULAR PART OF THE AGENDA. BUT I AM  
15 CONCERNED THAT SO MUCH OF THE PLANNING AT THE PLANNING STAGE,  
16 THERE IS SO LITTLE CONSIDERATION FOR THE QUALITY OF SOIL, AIR,  
17 AND WHERE WE ARE. I KNOW I WENT ON THE INTERNET LAST NIGHT AND  
18 I WAS LOOKING TO SEE -- AND WE HAVE LIKE 18 OR MAYBE IT WAS  
19 16, 16 OR 18 SUPERFUND SITES RIGHT IN L.A. COUNTY, SOME OF  
20 WHICH ARE CLOSE TO PLACES WHERE WE ARE ARE CITING PROPERTY.  
21 AND IT'S VERY DISTURBING TO ME. I WONDER IF PORTER RANCH WOULD  
22 PASS MUSTER OR ANYTHING ELSE. AND I BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME  
23 OTHER PROJECTS IN THAT AREA. THERE ARE 110, I BELIEVE, I READ,  
24 OIL DERRICKS THAT ARE STILL OPERATIONAL IN THAT AREA. AND WE  
25 HAVE ISSUES OF CAPPED WELLS AND THE QUALITY OF THEM. AND I



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1 DON'T THINK THE COUNTY OR THE CITY IS TAKING TOTAL  
2 RESPONSIBILITY ON THIS. AND I WISH THERE WAS MORE  
3 THOUGHTFULNESS ON THIS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I'VE  
8 BEEN HOLDING ON TO THIS. I GOT THIS AT A HOMELESS L.A.H.S.A.,  
9 L.A. COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAMS MAP 2011. IT'S FASCINATING. A  
10 LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION I FINALLY LOOKED AT AFTER YOUR  
11 HOMELESS INITIATIVE. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, THIS IS YOUR  
12 HOMELESS INITIATIVES RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FEBRUARY 9TH, AND  
13 THIS IS THE YOUR HOUSING -- THE ANNUAL PLAN OF THE HOUSING  
14 AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR MARCH 22ND, HOW  
15 YOU MANAGED TO MISS ALL THIS INFORMATION IN BOTH OF THESE  
16 REPORTS, BECAUSE YOU DID MENTION THAT WITH MORE INFORMATION,  
17 YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACT. BUT WHAT WAS FASCINATING IN THIS  
18 LITTLE BOOKLET THAT WAS PUT OUT BY THE COUNTY IS THIS ITEM  
19 STATES THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM WAS ACTUALLY  
20 INITIATED IN 2006. THE C.D.C. WAS FORMED IN 1982 BY THE LOS  
21 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE  
22 THREE ENTITIES, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE COMMUNITY  
23 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. IMAGINE  
24 THAT. IT MENTIONS IN HERE FURTHER THAT, AGAIN, THE HOMELESS  
25 INITIATIVE PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2006, AND YOU DID



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1 MENTION EARLIER ABOUT HOW YOU ACT. SO WHEN YOU HEAR  
2 INFORMATION, I'M WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING AS THE BOARD  
3 FROM 2006 UNTIL 2016. MAYBE HOMELESSNESS WASN'T A PROBLEM.  
4 ALTHOUGH I HAVE ARTICLES THAT GO BACK TO 2011 STATING THERE  
5 WAS 48,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS IN L.A. COUNTY AT THE TIME. SO YOUR  
6 ABILITY TO ACT AND YOUR ABILITY AS TEAM EX-LAX TO SPREAD THIS  
7 CRAP, PROBABLY TWO DIFFERENT STORIES. I THINK YOU SHOULD FOCUS  
8 MORE ON THE TRUTH AND LESS ON EX-LAX.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL NOW MOVE TO  
11 CLOSE.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE  
15 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES TO CLOSE THE  
18 HEARING, AND IT IS MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
19 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS A HEARING ON  
22 THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR  
23 FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF  
24 THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT THE CURRENT RATE.



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1 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
2 RECEIVED. AND THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, PLEASE, THEN.

5

6 **FRANK CHEN:** MY NAME IS FRANK CHEN. I'M A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH  
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE  
8 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE  
9 GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL ON THE TAX ROLL  
10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SOLID  
11 WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE  
12 UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN  
13 THE SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL. AND IT IS IN THE  
14 PUBLIC'S INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGE ON  
15 THE TAX ROLL, BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY  
16 COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.  
17 IN MY OPINION, THE SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY  
18 IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS ON THE REPORT.  
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT, WE'LL GO  
22 TO PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE ERIC PREVEN ON THIS ITEM. PASS.  
23 OKAY, WITH THAT, THEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICE?

24



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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
2   BOARD, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTESTS  
3   EXIST AGAINST THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE  
4   REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17. AND AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE  
5   APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
6   APPROVE THE REPORT FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID  
7   WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT THE CURRENT RATE ON THE  
8   FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 TAX ROLL. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES TO CLOSE  
11   PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVES THE ITEM. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
12   SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

13

14   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS IS A HEARING ON  
15   AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 7, BUSINESS LICENSES, TO  
16   ESTABLISH BASE AMBULANCE RATES FOR EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY  
17   TRANSPORTS, MAKE CHANGES TO ALL RATES, INCLUDING INCREASES,  
18   DECREASES AND DELETION OF SELECT RATES AND CHANGE HOW RATES  
19   ARE MODIFIED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
20   STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

21

22   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM, MICHAEL  
23   HUNT AND HERMAN HERMAN.

24



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1   **HERMAN HERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
2   I'D LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM 7,  
3   REGARDING THE EMERGENCY, NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION. IT'S  
4   APPARENT THAT HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO ARE ELDERLY  
5   AND POOR NEED THESE TYPE OF SERVICES, MORE SO OUR VETERANS AND  
6   OUR CHILDREN THAT ARE DISABLED. WITHOUT HINDERING THEIR  
7   POCKET, I FIND IT HARMFUL THAT ADDITIONAL CHARGES OR EXTRA  
8   ADDED HIDDEN COSTS WILL AFFECT, IMPACT THEIR POCKETBOOK, SO TO  
9   SPEAK. MS. SOLIS, ARE YOU OKAY? YES, SO, AGAIN, WHEN WE'RE  
10   LEARNING TO CHANGE THE RATES, WE HAVE TO THINK OF THE ECONOMY  
11   TODAY. WE'VE ALL HEARD THAT THE ECONOMY IS NOT AS STABLE. IT  
12   NEEDS A TRUE CHECK AND BALANCE CALLED AN AUDIT AND WHEN THE  
13   NEW SUPERVISORS STEP IN, I'M SURE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
14   TWEAK IT AND MAKE SOME SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO THAT IN ORDER  
15   FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT LIVE IN THE COUNTY TO OVERCOME  
16   THESE RATES. I WANT TO THANK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THOSE IN LAW  
17   ENFORCEMENT WHO HELP US WITH THESE SERVICES WHEN WE'RE IN  
18   NEED. SOMETIMES THERE ARE PATIENTS MORE SO THE HOMELESS WHO  
19   DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS TRANSPORTATION, AND I  
20   WOULD HATE TO SEE THIS ADDED TO THEIR SO-CALLED RETIREMENT.  
21   AND WHEN I SAY RETIREMENT, YOU SAY, WELL, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING  
22   ABOUT? I'M TALKING ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO LIVE UNCONDITIONALLY  
23   ON THEIR OWN IN THE STREETS, NOT BY FORCE BUT BY DESIGN OF OUR  
24   LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND YOU AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS





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1 WILL DO AN EXCELLENT JOB TO SEE THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
2 QUALITY OF LIFE ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE REGULATED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **MICHAEL HUNT:** FOR THE RECORD, I WANT TO TELL YOU FOR THE LAST  
7 TWO YEARS I HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN USING THESE SERVICES. I FOUND  
8 THAT THESE SERVICES ARE VERY ADEQUATE AND NOT THAT THE PATIENT  
9 GO DOWN BUT IT SHOULD BE BALANCED OUT TO EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL  
10 SERVICE. A LOT OF THESE AMBULANCE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES I HAD  
11 A CHANCE TO RIDE IN ABOUT SIX TIMES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN  
12 AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. SO I CAN SPEAK ON IT FROM MOST OF  
13 THEM ARE VERY PROFESSIONAL. I ALWAYS SAY THAT IF YOU TREAT AND  
14 GIVE THE PEOPLE WITH RESPECT TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, IF YOU HAVE  
15 THEIR WAGES ABOVE THE COST OF LIVING, THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS  
16 TREAT YOU RIGHT. ON THIS NOTE, I AM REALLY FOR RAISING THE  
17 RATE AND REALLY BALANCING OUT THE BUDGET. THAT'S ONE OF OUR  
18 CONCERNS FOR THE FISCAL NEXT YEAR. BUT IF IT'S ANYTHING TO DO  
19 WITH HEALTH AND IT'S GOING TO HELP PEOPLE IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
20 THINGS LIKE THAT, TRANSPORTATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. LIKE I  
21 SAID, I HAVE USED THESE SERVICES AROUND 6 TO 8 TIMES IN THE  
22 LAST PAST TWO YEARS. SO THEY HAVE ALWAYS TREATED ME WELL. SO I  
23 WANT TO TREAT THEM WELL. LET'S GIVE THESE GUYS A RAISE AND  
24 LET'S BE PROUD OF IT OR LET'S GIVE THEM MORE MONEY SO THEY CAN



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1 OPERATE AND SERVICE MORE PEOPLE. THE RED CHIEF HUNT ON THE  
2 RECORD. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. JIMMY MCNEIL, ERIC PREVEN,  
5 ARNOLD SACHS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

6

7 **JIMMY MCNEIL:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD. MY NAME IS JIMMY MCNEIL, CO-OWNER OF SCHAEFER AMBULANCE  
9 SERVICE, I AND OTHERS IN THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY HERE IN THE  
10 AUDIENCE WITH ME TODAY UNDERSTOOD THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S  
11 DESIRE TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE. BUT WE ALSO REPORTED ON  
12 ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT FACE THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY. LABOR MAKES  
13 UP APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF THE OPERATING COSTS FOR  
14 AMBULANCE PROVIDERS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE INCREASES FOR  
15 FUEL, INSURANCE, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, MAINTENANCE OF THE  
16 VEHICLES, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, CUSTOM SOFTWARE, WATER AND  
17 POWER, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. TODAY, FOLLOWING THE  
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE E.C.A., MEDICARE/MEDI-CAL MAKE UP  
19 APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY CALLS. ONLY  
20 10 PERCENT COME FROM COMMERCIAL INSURANCE SOURCES. THE  
21 REMAINING 20 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS ARE WRITTEN OFF  
22 DUE TO PATIENTS INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO PAY FOR  
23 SERVICES. UNFORTUNATELY, MEDICARE/MEDI-CAL'S REIMBURSEMENT  
24 AMOUNTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES ARE WOEFULLY INADEQUATE. FOR  
25 EXAMPLE, THE COST SET BY THE COUNTY FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT



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1 RESPONSE IS \$1,013. HOWEVER, MEDICARE PAYS \$300 ON AVERAGE AND  
2 MEDI-CAL PAYS \$150 PER CALL. THIS MEANS THAT AMBULANCE  
3 COMPANIES LOSE 90 PERCENT WHEN TRANSPORTING MEDI-CAL PATIENTS  
4 AND LOSE 75 PERCENT TRANSPORTING MEDICARE PATIENTS. THAT MAKES  
5 UP 70 PERCENT OF OUR CALL VOLUME. THE ORDINANCE CHANGE IS  
6 NECESSARY, BECAUSE THE RATE AN AMBULANCE COMPANY CAN CHARGE IS  
7 SET BY THE COUNTY ORDINANCE, MAKING IT THE ONE AND ONLY  
8 INDUSTRY THAT DO NOT UNILATERALLY INCREASE WHAT IT CHARGES IN  
9 THE FACE OF NEW MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AND OTHER COSTS  
10 ASSOCIATED. THE NEW PROPOSED LANGUAGE IN THE AMBULANCE RATE  
11 ORDINANCE WILL HELP THE AMBULANCE INDUSTRY THAT WILL MAKE  
12 HEALTH PATIENTS, AS WELL, BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
13 QUALITY OF CARE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT  
18 AND APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS. THIS IS FOR THE COUNTY SERVICE.  
19 I'VE LOOKED AT SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR FOR THE CITY SERVICE AND  
20 TRIED TO SCAN THE DIFFERENCES. MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT IS THIS  
21 A FAIRLY GOOD PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY, MEANING THEY'RE NOT  
22 PAYING QUITE AS MUCH AS THEY'RE PAYING AT THE CITY LEVEL,  
23 ALTHOUGH THEY ARE VERY CLOSE. BUT ONE DETAIL THAT I WAS ABLE  
24 TO SCAN IS THAT THEY ARE PAYING A MILEAGE RATE OVER AT THE  
25 CITY OF \$18.50. HERE AT THE COUNTY, WE ARE OFFERING \$18. SO I



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1 DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A VICTORY OR A DEFEAT, BUT THAT'S A 50-  
2 CENT SPREAD ON EVERY MILE THAT WOULD COST MORE OVER THERE. SO  
3 THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE ISSUE ABOUT AMBULANCES AND SERVICE IS  
4 OF COURSE NOBODY WANTS THEM TO BE RUNNING A BUSINESS THAT'S  
5 UNSUSTAINABLE, BUT IT'S AWKWARD THAT IT'S A BUSINESS AT ALL,  
6 OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE TO CHARGE A LOT OF MONEY OR ANY MONEY FOR  
7 THIS KIND OF RELIEF, NOBODY GETS HIT BY A CAR BY DESIGN AND  
8 INSURANCE IS COMPLICATED, AS THEY POINTED OUT. THE THING THAT  
9 I CANNOT TOLERATE, HOWEVER, IS THE IDEA THAT EXPENSIVE GUYS  
10 ARE HULKING AROUND WAITING IN EMERGENCY ROOMS. I KNOW THAT THE  
11 BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL HAVE LOOKED AT WHAT CAN WE DO AS A  
12 GROUP TO SOMEHOW RELIEVE PEOPLE WHO ARE COSTING A LOT OF MONEY  
13 AND TYING UP RESOURCES FROM WAITING AROUND DURING EMERGENCY  
14 ROOM DELAYS AND VARIOUS THINGS LIKE THAT. NOW, THE GOOD NEWS  
15 IS, THANKS TO THE MESSIAH MITCHELL KATZ, WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY  
16 REDUCED ALL OF OUR WAIT TIMES IN EMERGENCY ROOMS TO VIRTUALLY  
17 NOTHING, I ASSUME, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE. SO I WOULD  
18 JUST ASK THAT WE LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT. AND IF YOU NEED A  
19 REFERENCE FOR SOME ACCURATE INFORMATION, I BELIEVE THERE WAS  
20 AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A. WEEKLY ABOUT THIS PHENOMENON, QUASI  
21 RECENTLY, WITHIN A YEAR. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD SAY I THANK  
22 ALL THE FOLKS THAT DO SHOW UP WHEN YOU NEED THEM, AND I KNOW  
23 THEY'RE TRYING TO GET THOSE RESPONSE TIMES INTO LINE. SO THANK  
24 YOU.

25



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1     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3     **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, ARNOLD  
4     SACHS. AND IT'S FASCINATING THAT THIS ITEM SHOULD COME BEFORE  
5     THE BOARD. I BELIEVE ONE OF THE COLUMNISTS WHO WRITES FOR THE  
6     L.A. TIMES JUST DID A STORY OF PEOPLE WHO HAD WRITTEN TO HIM  
7     ABOUT THE ARBITRARY CHARGES THEY GET FOR AMBULANCE  
8     TRANSPORTATION, THAT WHEN THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL  
9     A AND B, THEY'RE NOT TOLD OF ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND  
10    THEY ARE JUST STUCK WITH THE BILL AT THE END OF THE TRIP. AND  
11    IT COULD BE FOUR FIGURES OR HIGHER. SO I THINK IT'S THE WRITER  
12    THAT TOOK LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THIS. SO I'M WONDERING IF  
13    PEOPLE WOULD WRITE TO THE L.A. TIMES ABOUT THAT, WHY THEY  
14    WOULDN'T SHOW UP AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS  
15    THEIR SITUATION WITH THE BOARD THAT'S GOING TO RECOMMEND THE  
16    RATE INCREASE, EXCEPT TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT HOW IS THIS  
17    NOTICED IN THE -- TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION. IS IT NOTICED  
18    THAT THIS HEARING IS GOING TO BE HELD IN ALL FIVE -- IS THE  
19    NOTICE PUT OUT IN ALL FIVE DISTRICTS ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT  
20    WOULD STATE THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT RATES FOR AMBULANCE  
21    TRANSPORTATION. AND HE WRITES ABOUT IT IN HIS COLUMN, WHY THE  
22    GENTLEMAN ISN'T EVEN HERE TO DEFEND OR TO QUESTION THE BOARD  
23    ABOUT SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WROTE IN TO HIM RELATED TO THIS  
24    PROBLEM AS FAR AS THE COSTS ARE CONCERNED. AND IT'S NOT COUNTY  
25    SERVICE. IT'S IN LIEU OF COUNTY SERVICE. THIS IS NOT COUNTY



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1 AMBULANCES THAT ARE DOING THE TRANSPORTING. THESE ARE PRIVATE  
2 BUSINESSES THAT ARE DOING THE TRANSPORTING. I BELIEVE COUNTY  
3 SERVICES OR EVEN HIGHER THAN THE PRIVATE SERVICES.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL?

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE  
8 CLAVREUL. WHEN IT COMES TO AMBULANCE PRICING, I AM ALWAYS  
9 LEERY ABOUT IT, BECAUSE IT IS A HUGE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE  
10 DIFFERENT AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THERE IS A LOT OF BEHIND THE  
11 SCENES AND QUID PRO QUO, WHICH HAPPENS VERY REGULARLY,  
12 ESPECIALLY WITH HOSPITALS AND AMBULANCE. WHEN I WAS DIRECTOR  
13 OF NURSING, ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES I HAD WAS MAKING SURE MY  
14 EMPLOYEES DID NOT ACCEPT GOODIES, LUNCH DATES, AND SO ON WITH  
15 THE AMBULANCE COMPANY TO MAKE SURE THEY WILL ASSIGN ONE TO  
16 ANOTHER. SO I WILL HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU LOOK AND DO SOME  
17 AUDITS ON WHO IS GETTING THE BENEFIT OUT OF THE AMBULANCE  
18 COMPANIES, BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY WELL-KNOWN FOR BILLING  
19 BUSINESS. AND I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. I THINK IT  
20 SHOULD BE BECAUSE THEY ARE THE BEST AND THEY PROVIDE THE BEST  
21 SERVICE, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE GIVING SOME GOODIES TO THE STAFF  
22 AT THE HOSPITAL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THAT  
25 CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.





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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARD, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE  
4 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN CLOSED, MOVED  
7 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE  
8 THE ORDER.

9

10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 8. THIS IS A HEARING ON  
11 AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 12, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
12 TO ADJUST THE ANNUAL FEES FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR TIERED  
13 PERMITTING, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HANDLER, ABOVE GROUND  
14 PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK, CALIFORNIA ACCIDENTAL RELEASE  
15 PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AND COST RECOVERY HOURLY RATES FOR  
16 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND SITE MITIGATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-  
17 17. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE  
18 WAS RECEIVED.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE  
23 APPROPRIATE, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TO CLOSE  
24 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM BEFORE YOU.

25



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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
2 THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SOLIS.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND, MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE AGENDA  
5 ITEM NO. 1 IS NOW BACK. MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
6 A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS  
7 AGAINST THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY OR INCREASED  
8 ASSESSMENT FROM TAX ZONE B TO TAX ZONE A WITHIN COUNTY  
9 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 10045 AND LA MIRADA ZONE B TO LA  
10 MIRADA ZONE A WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND  
11 LIGHTING ACT-1. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE  
12 BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE TRANSFER OF TERRITORY  
13 AND CONSTITUTE THE LEVYING OF INCREASED ASSESSMENTS IN FISCAL  
14 YEAR 2016/17.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
17 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY. THIS  
18 CONCLUDES PUBLIC HEARINGS. OKAY. SO, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON  
19 NOW TO ITEM 27-E. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT?

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YES, MADAME CHAIR. I WANTED TO PROPOSE AN  
22 AMENDMENT WHICH I BELIEVE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THE  
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. LET ME READ THE AMENDMENT AND THEN  
24 INDICATE WHY I THINK IT'S NECESSARY. AND I HOPE THE PRESS WILL  
25 ALSO TAKE ACCOUNT. SO, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE



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1 AGENDA ITEM IN THE MOTION SECTION SO THAT IT WOULD READ: "I  
2 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE  
3 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, UPON RECEIPT OF DETAILS ON SPECIFIC CASES  
4 OF VOTER FRAUD FROM C.B.S. NEWS/K.C.A.L., TO CONDUCT A REVIEW  
5 OF THE ALLEGATIONS AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD IN 30  
6 DAYS WITH THEIR FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ANY CORRECTIVE  
7 ACTIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
8 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK IN  
9 COLLABORATION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PROVIDE A REPORT  
10 IN 30 DAYS THAT INCLUDES DETAILS ON CURRENT PROTOCOLS AND  
11 STATISTICS RELATED TO DEATH NOTIFICATIONS AND VOTER FILE  
12 MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS A FOLLOWUP STATUS REPORT ON THE 10  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FEBRUARY 6, 2015 AUDITOR-  
14 CONTROLLER REPORT ON DUPLICATE VOTER RECORDS AT THE REGISTRAR-  
15 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK."

16  
17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND I  
18 SUPPORT THAT. SO WOULD MOVE THE MOTION AS AMENDED.

19  
20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT, SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH. THE REASON IS, I UNDERSTAND THAT THOUGH  
22 ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE BY ONE OF OUR ESTEEMED TELEVISION  
23 STATIONS, THEY REFUSED TO BE FORTHCOMING ABOUT THE ACTUAL  
24 LIST. SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE SAYING, AS ONE PRESIDENT OR OTHER  
25 DID, "I'VE GOT A LIST RIGHT HERE OF THE ENEMIES BUT I'M NOT



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1 GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU." SO THE AMENDMENT REALLY SAYS AS SOON  
2 AS WE GET THE LIST, THEN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO COMPARE  
3 THE NAMES. A SAMPLE WAS RELEASED TO TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER,  
4 WHO THEN INVESTIGATED EACH OF THE 10 NAMES THAT WAS PROVIDED  
5 AND FOUND THAT IN ALL CASES BUT ONE, IT WAS NOT THE CASE THAT  
6 THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO HAD PASSED AWAY WHO WERE REGISTERED TO  
7 VOTE. 8 OF THEM WERE NOT ON THE ROLLS. ONE WAS THE SON WITH  
8 THE SAME NAME OF ONE OF THE VOTERS WHO WAS REGISTERED, AND ONE  
9 WAS QUESTIONABLE, WHICH THEY ARE NOW INVESTIGATING. SO I THINK  
10 IT REALLY BEHOOVES US IF WE'RE GOING TO ORDER THEM TO DO AN  
11 INVESTIGATION THAT WE HAVE THE ACTUAL ALLEGATIONS IN HAND. AND  
12 ALSO I THINK TO GET A REPORT BACK ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE DONE ON  
13 OUR MOTION FROM LAST YEAR IN A REAL PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTIRE  
14 SYSTEM.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY, WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS ON  
17 THIS ITEM, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. AND I SUPPOSE THANK  
20 YOU TO THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT FOR BRINGING IN  
21 O.C.I., IF THAT'S WHO IT IS. IS IT THE OFFICE OF COUNTY  
22 INVESTIGATION? THEY'RE A GOOD GROUP. THEY ARE A SCANDAL CLOUD  
23 THAT COMES IN TO KIND OF OVERSEE AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING  
24 IS PROPER. I AGREE THAT THE INVISIBILITY IS PROBABLY  
25 PROBLEMATIC. BUT I WOULD ASK IF WE WOULD BRING IN O.C.I., AND



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1 THIS IS MERELY A PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT THE  
2 ELECTION THAT HAS JUST TAKEN PLACE OR IS UNDERWAY FOR THE  
3 SUPERVISORIAL SEATS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL ALLEGATIONS ARE  
4 FAIRLY CONSIDERED ABOUT VARIOUS KINDS OF, I DON'T WANT TO SAY  
5 ELECTIONEERING, THAT'S A RED FLAG, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF FUNNY  
6 BUSINESS IN THESE ELECTIONS, LIKE OBVIOUSLY IN THIS CASE,  
7 WHICH IS VERY, VERY STARK, WHERE ANYBODY WOULD THINK TO PUT IN  
8 A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD FOR A DEAD PERSON IS REALLY A BAD  
9 ACTOR. I THINK THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING. AND THERE ARE OTHER  
10 SCAMS UNDERWAY, AND THERE'S OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM FOR  
11 VOTER ROLLS AMONG CANDIDATES. THAT'S WHY CLARK LEE, WHO YOU  
12 BROUGHT IN FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SERVE ON THE  
13 COMMISSION, BRINGS A KIND OF VENEER OF.. WELL, I DON'T WANT TO  
14 SAY IMPROPRIETY BUT CERTAINLY NOT PROPRIETY, BECAUSE, OF  
15 COURSE, THERE'S A BATTLE GOING ON BETWEEN VARIOUS MEMBERS OF  
16 THIS GROUP. WE ALL REMEMBER CERTAINLY THE EMAIL IMBROGLIO, I  
17 BELIEVE IS THE BEST WORD FOR IT, IN WHICH DURING BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS ELECTION, DEAD INDIVIDUALS -- I'M SORRY, NOT DEAD  
19 INDIVIDUALS BUT COUNTY STAFF WERE USING THEIR PERSONAL EMAIL  
20 TO DISINCLUDE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CANDIDATES FROM DEBATES AND  
21 SUCH. BUT TO GET BACK ON POINT, LET ME JUST CONCLUDE THAT I DO  
22 THINK THAT IT'S VERY, VERY APPROPRIATE TO LOOK CLOSELY AT  
23 THESE ALLEGATIONS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?



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1  
2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A  
3 COUPLE THINGS. AS A POLL WORKER, I THINK WHAT YOU OUGHT TO  
4 LOOK AT OR ASK THE -- YOU HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE COMING TO THE  
5 DIFFERENT POLLS THAT HAVE MADE REQUESTS TO BE TAKEN OFF, THAT  
6 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DECEASED. I THINK THEY SHOULD LOOK AT A  
7 DIFFERENT TYPE OF METHOD OF HAVING PEOPLE NOTIFY THE COUNTY  
8 REGISTRAR'S OFFICE THAT SOMEBODY HAS PASSED AWAY. I CAN'T TELL  
9 YOU HOW MANY TIMES -- AND I WORK AT A RELATIVELY SMALL POLLING  
10 PLACE IN MANHATTAN BEACH, BUT WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL ELECTIONS IN  
11 A ROW WHERE THE SAME PEOPLE HAVE COME IN AND SAID "MY SPOUSE  
12 IS NO LONGER LIVING, BUT THEY'RE STILL ON THE POLLING ROSTER."  
13 SO EVIDENTLY THE REPETITION OF GOING IN AND REQUESTING THAT  
14 YOUR SPOUSE OR SOMEBODY BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST DOESN'T SEEM TO  
15 BE WORKING. AS FAR AS DEAD PEOPLE VOTING, I'M WONDERING, WOULD  
16 THAT BE INCLUSIVE OF BRAIN- DEAD PEOPLE VOTING? AND MAYBE WHAT  
17 WE COULD LOOK AT ESPECIALLY, WITH THIS ELECTION, IS THE PARTY  
18 AFFILIATION FIASCO THAT HAS OCCURRED WHERE PEOPLE HAVE  
19 REGISTERED TO BE INDEPENDENT VOTERS THINKING THAT THEY WERE  
20 NOT ALIGNING WITH A DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN PARTY, BUT IN  
21 FACT THEY'RE NOW ALIGNING WITH AN INDEPENDENT PARTY, WHICH IS  
22 NOT REALLY WHAT THEIR REQUEST WAS, EITHER. THEY JUST WANTED TO  
23 BE INDEPENDENT. AND BY THAT INFORMATION COMING OUT AS LATE AS  
24 IT DID, IT DOESN'T ALLOW THEM TO TAKE PART IN THE PRESIDENTIAL  
25 NOMINATION OR THE ELECTION THAT'S GOING TO COME UP NOW FOR THE





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1 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO. THAT  
2 SHOULD BE CLARIFIED, AND THAT SHOULD BE MADE CLEARER TO A  
3 GREATER MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAN ARE ACTUALLY DEAD. I EXCLUDE  
4 BRAIN-DEAD BECAUSE I KNOW QUITE A FEW PEOPLE.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS RUTH SARNOFF.

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8 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I THINK, FIRST OF ALL,  
9 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I DON'T THINK ANY OF THE STUDIES  
10 NATIONALLY OR HERE IN CALIFORNIA HAVE INDICATED THAT THERE'S A  
11 PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE REGISTERING FOR DEAD PEOPLE OR THAT THAT'S  
12 A BIG ISSUE. AND I THINK AN AUDIT OF THAT IS A WASTE, IS MY  
13 OWN OPINION. I DO THINK THERE ARE SOME OTHER CONCERNS THEY  
14 HAVE BEEN SEEN CARRIED IN THE TIMES, AND SOME OF IT'S BEEN  
15 AVAILABLE IN VIDEO OR MEDIA. AND I THINK THAT THERE WAS AT ONE  
16 POINT THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED AN OKAY FOR SAME-DAY  
17 REGISTRATION IN CALIFORNIA. I THINK THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE  
18 UTILIZED AT THE ELECTION THIS YEAR TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO FEEL  
19 THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED PROPERLY. I THINK THERE'S MORE PROBLEM  
20 OF WHERE PEOPLE ARE, WHETHER THEY'RE REGISTERED AS A  
21 DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN/AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY OR JUST AS, YOU  
22 KNOW, AN UNDECIDED, I CHOOSE AT MY LEISURE. I'M LOST WITH  
23 WORDS RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE I DECIDED TO SPEAK TO THIS ABOUT ONE  
24 MINUTE AGO. BUT I THINK THAT THE WHOLE ELECTION PROCESS SHOULD  
25 GET EASIER. IN OREGON, EVERYBODY JUST VOTES BY MAIL. THERE ARE



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1 THINGS OUT THERE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT TO SIMPLIFY AND MAKE  
2 IT MORE FAIR AND JUST. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED  
5 AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. VERY GOOD. OKAY.  
7 NEXT ITEM IS 27-C, SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. SUPERVISOR KNABE  
8 HELD THIS ITEM. YES. YOU CAN LIFT IT. I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD  
9 IT. IT'S ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, 27-C.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR STAFF. I THINK THE  
12 ISSUE HERE IS IT WAS RATHER UNUSUAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE  
13 POSITION WITHOUT EVER HAVING THE FUNDING IN PLACE. ISN'T THAT  
14 UNUSUAL TO MOVE FORWARD? I MEAN, I'M NOT ARGUING FOR OR  
15 AGAINST THE DECISION, BUT IT'S AN UNUSUAL ACTION TO MOVE  
16 FORWARD ON AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE  
17 MONEY IN PLACE FOR THE POSITION.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE IS,  
20 AND OUR C.E.O. COULD CLARIFY, THAT THERE IS A SET-ASIDE, SO TO  
21 SPEAK FOR THIS.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SURE, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IN  
24 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THERE WAS MONEY SET ASIDE IN THE  
25 PROVISIONAL FINANCING UNIT FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE. I



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1 THINK BACK A WHILE AGO SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAD MOVED A MOTION  
2 ASKING FOR IT TO BE LOOKED AT AND THEN ADDED TO THE  
3 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. AGAIN, IT WILL COME UP IN FINAL CHANGES.  
4 BUT OFTENTIMES WHEN YOU HAVE HIGHER LEVEL POSITIONS, SOMETIMES  
5 THERE MIGHT BE A POSITION THAT IT MAY TAKE A WHILE TO DO A  
6 RECRUITMENT. YOU MAY START THE RECRUITMENT EFFORT EARLIER.  
7 AND, AGAIN, THIS IS CONTINGENT ON THE BOARD APPROVING THE  
8 FINAL CHANGES.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE OTHER ISSUE, I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT, WHILE  
11 I SUPPORT THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, I ALSO HOPE THAT  
12 WE'RE NOT JUST CREATING A DEPARTMENT THAT LOOKS AT  
13 SUSTAINABILITY AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE. OTHER MUNICIPAL  
14 GOVERNMENTS ARE REALLY EXPANDING THAT TO LOOK AT ECONOMIC AS  
15 WELL AS SOCIAL MEASURES. SO IT'S NOT JUST GREEN. THERE'S A LOT  
16 OF OTHER ISSUES THAT RELATE TO SUSTAINABILITY. LIKE HOW DO WE  
17 PAY FOR THINGS? THAT'S A SUSTAINABLE ISSUE HAVE AND NOT  
18 NECESSARILY RELATED TO ENVIRONMENT. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT AS WE  
19 LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT, WE'RE BEING AGGRESSIVE AND WE'RE  
20 LOOKING AT FIVE PEOPLE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SO, I HOPE THAT  
21 WE LOOK AT ALL ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO SUSTAINABILITY AND  
22 STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS IS A  
25 PRIORITY, I BELIEVE, OF THE BOARD, AND WE ALL ARE MOVING IN



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1 THAT DIRECTION. SO WHEN WE SAY BE CONSERVATIVE, FISCALLY,  
2 THAT'S GREAT. BUT ALSO CONSERVE IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
3 AND WASTE AND OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. I THINK  
4 WE'RE COMING OF A NEW AGE, AND THE COUNTY IS STEPPING UP. OUR  
5 PARTNERS ON THE CITY ARE DOING A LOT. WE NEED TO BE ALSO IN  
6 THE FOREFRONT. SO I LIKE THIS IDEA AND SUPPORT IT, AND I KNOW  
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING ON THIS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, CAN I JUST FINISH, THOUGH? I MEAN, AS IT  
10 RELATES TO THIS, I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT AND I AGREE WITH  
11 THAT, BUT I THINK IT GOES BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY, GOES BEYOND  
12 THAT ISSUE, AND IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THINGS ARE CHANGING BUT  
13 THINGS ARE GOING TO IMPROVE BECAUSE OF THIS. AND I JUST WANT  
14 TO MAKE SURE THAT SUSTAINABILITY, THAT WE RUN THE GAMUT, THAT  
15 WE DON'T JUST NARROW OUR FOCUS AS IT RELATES TO THE  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY WAY THAT WE  
19 WANT TO BE A ONE-TONE OR ONE-NOTE IDEOLOGY AT ALL. SUPERVISOR  
20 KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I AGREE. SUPERVISOR KNABE, I THINK WE MEAN  
23 FOR THAT KIND OF INCLUSION, AS WELL. I THINK WHAT WE'RE  
24 FINDING, AND I'M NEW, SO JUST LOOKING AT IT IN THIS PAST YEAR  
25 OR SO, IS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES



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1 THAT ARE SORT OF CROSS-CUTTING ACROSS OUR DEPARTMENTS THAT WE  
2 TRIED TO IDENTIFY A WAY TO CENTRALIZE TO INCLUDE THE  
3 DEPARTMENTS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE DID PUT TOGETHER A  
4 SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL, AND THEY WERE GREAT BUT THEY WERE  
5 MOSTLY REPORTING ON WHAT THEIR DEPARTMENTS WERE DOING. SO THEN  
6 WE ADOPTED THIS NEW POSITION, AND I THINK AS THE C.E.O.  
7 INDICATED, THERE WAS MONEY FOR THIS POSITION RECOMMENDED IN  
8 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND HOPEFULLY OBVIOUSLY IN FINAL  
9 CHANGES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. I  
10 THINK IT ISN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, ARE WE SAVING ON WATER AND  
11 TURNING OFF THE LIGHT SWITCHES? THE COUNTY DOES SO MUCH THAT  
12 WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND EVEN THE IDEA OF SUSTAINABILITY IS NOT  
13 JUST ABOUT ENERGY. SO I AGREE WITH YOU.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 KUEHL. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SORRY, BEFORE WE CLOSE THE  
17 ROLL, I DO HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO SPEAK. ARNOLD  
18 SACHS AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THEY WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS  
19 ITEM.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT DOESN'T MATTER. YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE ANYWAY.  
22 THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. I REALLY WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT  
23 THIS, BUT THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID THE MAGIC WORDS: FUNDED-  
24 UNFILLED POSITION. AND I RECALL WHEN YOU HAD YOUR FIRST BUDGET  
25 DISCUSSION A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE COUNTY'S



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1 STAFFING TO 108,000 EMPLOYEES AND MY QUESTION WAS REGARDING  
2 FUNDED UNFILLED POSITIONS AND HOW MUCH MONEY IS PUT ASIDE, SET  
3 ASIDE, NOT SPENT, BANKED, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, NOT TO  
4 BE SPENT AS A RAINY DAY SORT OF FUND. AND YOU MENTIONED ABOUT  
5 BEING FISCALLY -- FISCAL CONSERVATION. AND I'M THINKING AGAIN  
6 BACK TO YOUR BUDGET DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW YOU'RE \$47 BILLION IN  
7 THE RED. SO MAYBE YOU MEAN, WELL, IT'S NOT 50, SO THAT'S  
8 CONSERVATION. YOUR SAVINGS ON WATER, HAVE YOU CHECKED ANY  
9 RESTROOMS IN THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, THE FAUCETS THAT ARE  
10 CONSTANTLY DRIPPING WATER IN MOST OF THE FLOORS? I CAN'T SPEAK  
11 FOR THE FIFTH THROUGH THE EIGHTH FLOOR, BUT I CERTAINLY CAN  
12 SPEAK FOR THE FIRST THROUGH THE FOURTH FLOORS. YOUR  
13 CONSERVATION EFFORTS AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, ON A SCALE  
14 OF 1 TO 10, 1 BEING THE LOWEST, YOU OWE POINTS. AND I TAKE  
15 OFFENSE TO WHAT YOU MENTIONED, MS. KUEHL, AND NORMALLY I  
16 DON'T, ABOUT BEING NEW, MAYBE NEW TO THE COUNTY BUT NOT NEW TO  
17 GOVERNMENT. THAT'S UNFAIR TO THE PEOPLE THAT ELECTED YOU,  
18 OKAY? THIS COUNTY, IT'S BEEN A SPLINTER FOR YEARS. AND TO SAY  
19 THAT YOU'RE NEW TO THIS COUNTY AND NOT AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING  
20 ON HERE, THAT'S TOTALLY UNFAIR.

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22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DIDN'T SAY I WASN'T AWARE.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT YOU SAID YOU WERE NEW.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SPEAKER?

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3 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
4 CLAVREUL. I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO LOOK AT  
5 SUSTAINABILITY. I WAS JUST WONDERING ABOUT THE BUDGET MYSELF,  
6 YOU KNOW, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES THAT PROJECT WILL HAVE AND SO ON.  
7 I REALLY THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK AT LONG-TERM PLAN AND SAVING,  
8 YOU KNOW, THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOW WE SPEND. AND I WOULD HIGHLY  
9 RECOMMEND THAT WE LOOK AT THE COMMISSIONS WE HAVE. WE DON'T  
10 KNOW, 200-PLUS COMMISSIONS THAT DO NOTHING. AND MAYBE LOOK  
11 MORE ON THE LONG TERM IMPACT OF WHAT WE ARE DOING. I THINK  
12 MANY TIMES WE ARE MORE LOOKING AT THE MOMENT LESS SO THAN THE  
13 LONG TERM. AND I THINK I WOULD LIKE THAT TO BE LOOKED AT. AND  
14 THAT'S WHAT I HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL DO. BUT I DON'T WANT IT  
15 TO BE ONE POSITION ALONE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT  
16 INDIVIDUAL HAVE BACKUP.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER ON THIS  
19 ITEM, ERIC PREVEN.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. AND SOMETHING  
22 ALSO PROVOKED MY INTEREST IN THE CONVERSATION. THIS IS A --  
23 IT'S LIKE WE'RE SETTING THE R.F.P. FOR A NEW JOB FOR THE CHIEF  
24 FOR HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE COUNTY WHO'S GOING TO WORK  
25 FOR MS. HAMAI UP IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND I THINK DR.



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1 CLAVREUL JUST RAISED A GOOD POINT ABOUT WHAT KIND OF STAFFING  
2 WILL SURROUND THAT PERSON. I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE MADE AN  
3 INTERESTING POINT ABOUT IS THERE A BUDGET IN PLACE. AND  
4 OBVIOUSLY EVERYBODY LOVES SUSTAINABILITY. I THINK THERE'S NO  
5 DOUBT ABOUT THAT. I THINK BOTH SIDES OF THE GROUP WERE  
6 FOCUSING ALSO ON, WHAT DOES SUSTAINABILITY MEAN? DOES IT MEAN  
7 YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE REVENUE IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A  
8 DEPARTMENT? I MEAN, THAT SEEMS LIKE TOO HIGH A STANDARD,  
9 BECAUSE MANY OF THE THINGS THE COUNTY PROVIDES ARE NOT ABOUT  
10 GENERATING REVENUE, EVEN THOUGH SOME SUPERVISORS LIKE  
11 GENERATING REVENUE AND SHARING IT WITH THEIR PARTNERS. I THINK  
12 THAT ADDING A NEW C.E.O. DIVISION IS PUZZLING, BECAUSE EVERY  
13 DEPARTMENT HERE AT THE COUNTY HAS A SUSTAINABILITY PERSON  
14 WHO'S THINKING AND WORKING HARD ON TRYING TO REDUCE AND SERVE  
15 AND RECYCLE. ALL OF THEM DO. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY ALL  
16 HAVE TO REPORT TO A SPECIALIST IN SUPERVISOR HAMAI'S DISTRICT.  
17 AND I REALIZE THAT'S A CONFLATION. SHE'S THE C.E.O., NOT A  
18 SUPERVISOR, YET. GIVE HER A LITTLE TIME. BUT I DO THINK THAT  
19 THOSE DEPARTMENT HEADS, I MEAN, THOSE PEOPLE IN EACH  
20 DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE CONVENING REGULARLY. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY  
21 WE NEED A NEW DEPARTMENT EXACTLY. I MEAN, I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS  
22 THE FIRST TIME WHEN IT CAME UP, AND I BUMPED. AND IT COMES UP  
23 FROM TIME TO TIME. WE ALSO HAVE AN L.G.B.T.Q. SPECIALIST WE  
24 HIRED, WHICH I'M SUPPORTIVE OF, BUT AS YOU WONDER ABOUT IT, IT  
25 MAKES ME FEEL LIKE, WELL, THAT MEANS NOBODY ELSE IS DOING IT.



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1 THERE ARE PEOPLE IN EVERY DIVISION OF THE COUNTY WORKING ON  
2 THOSE PROBLEMS. SO I DON'T KNOW IF ONE EXTRA PERSON, GIVEN MR.  
3 SACHS'S COMMENTS ABOUT FILLED VERSUS UNFILLED, IS REALLY GOING  
4 TO BE THE RIGHT THING. AND THE FINAL POINT AND I'LL LEAVE IS  
5 THAT WHOEVER THESE PEOPLE ARE, LET THEM SPEAK TO SUPERVISORS  
6 ABOUT WHAT THEY LIKE AND WHAT THEY WANT TO DO.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RUTH SARNOFF. THERE YOU ARE.  
9 OKAY. LAST SPEAKER. I STAND CORRECTED.

10

11 **RUTH SARNOFF:** YOU KNOW, THE PROBLEM -- RUTH SARNOFF. YOU  
12 KNOWM, THE PROBLEM AS I SEE IT WITH THESE CZARS THAT GET  
13 PICKED, YOU KNOW, YOU PICK A CZAR, BUT YOU'RE PICKING PEOPLE  
14 OFTEN THAT ARE NOT PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY HAVE A STRONG  
15 PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO MEETING THE CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS FOR  
16 CALIFORNIA, ARE NOT PARTICULARLY COMMITTED TO FINDING NEW AND  
17 VERY AVANT GARDE KIND OF SOLUTIONS TO THINGS. YOU NEED TO HAVE  
18 SOME PLACE IN THE SCHISM IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO  
19 TURN AROUND WHAT HAS BEEN A BIGGER IS BETTER, GROWTH IS BETTER  
20 THAN SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF THE WEALTH SO THAT WE CAN DEAL  
21 WITH THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND INCOME INEQUALITY. SO WHAT WE  
22 REALLY HAVE NOW, YOU HAVE ALL THESE HIGH-RISES COMING UP THAT  
23 ARE BEING PUT UP ON THE PARKING LOTS AND ON PROPERTY THAT'S  
24 BEING ROLLED OUT WHERE THE PEOPLE IN THOSE PROPERTIES ARE NOW  
25 JOINING THE HOMELESS. LAST AUGUST YOU WERE TOLD THAT 3,000



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1 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ARE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS EVERY  
2 MONTH. YOU CAN'T HAVE A PLAN FOR -- AND SO, WHEN YOU TALK  
3 ABOUT ENVIRONMENTALLY CHANGING THINGS, YOU HAVE TO CHANGE THE  
4 PHILOSOPHY AND THE WAY PEOPLE IN YOUR DEPARTMENTS, YOU OUGHT  
5 TO HAVE SOME OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY  
6 COME IN AND MEET WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND AT LEAST HEAR  
7 THEIR STORY, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HEAR IT IN TWO MINUTES. TRUST  
8 ME. TOO COMPLICATED.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPEAKER FROM LANCASTER? DIANA  
11 BEARD WILLIAMS. LANCASTER.

12

13 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I THINK THIS  
14 POSITION IS A WASTE. AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO TRY TO BE  
15 DIPLOMATIC AND DANCE AROUND IT AND BE NICE ABOUT IT. IT IS A  
16 WASTE OF MONEY. I PROBABLY AM ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE IN THE  
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY, BEING HERE FOR 30 YEARS AND BEING INTIMATELY  
18 AND INTRICATELY INVOLVED IN ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF THIS  
19 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE RUNNING OF CAMPAIGNS FOR LEFFARD AND  
20 PERRIS AND SEEN PEOPLE CARRY MONEY IN SUITCASES AND TELLING  
21 YOU WHO GOT PAID OFF BY THE WATER DISTRICT, WHAT JUDGE GOT  
22 PAID OFF, AND WHAT DEPARTMENT IS WASTING MONEY. I CAN TELL YOU  
23 WHAT THE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE WOULD BE HERE. I THINK THAT IF  
24 YOU HIRE A DEPARTMENT HEAD AND THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD IS NOT  
25 CAPABLE OF REPORTING TO THE BOARD AND TELLING THE BOARD WHAT



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1 NEEDS TO BE HANDLED IN TERMS OF A SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE, THEN  
2 THAT DEPARTMENT HEAD NEEDS TO BE LET GO. WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS  
3 ADDING ANOTHER LAYER ON TOP OF OTHER LAYERS. YOU ARE GOING TO  
4 BE EXPENDING MONEY WHICH COULD GO TO MORE IMPORTANT AREAS IN  
5 THIS COUNTY. AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING BASICALLY IS ALLOWING YOUR  
6 MANAGERS AND YOUR LEADERS IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO BE DUMMED  
7 DOWN AND NOT REALLY HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO RUN THEIR OWN  
8 DIVISIONS. YOU DON'T NEED THIS PERSON. WHAT YOU NEED IS BETTER  
9 MANAGERS OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS AND YOUR AGENCIES, MORE  
10 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND YOU ALSO NEED THEM TO BE MORE CREATIVE AND  
11 LESS NEGLIGENT IN TERMS OF THE CARRYING OUT OF THEIR OWN  
12 POSITIONS. YOU DON'T NEED THIS. PLEASE DON'T WASTE MONEY ON  
13 THIS. WASTE MONEY, IF YOU HAVE TO, ON GREATER SERVICES FOR  
14 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, NOT ON ANOTHER TITLE, ON ANOTHER STAFF,  
15 ON ANOTHER OFFICE, AND THE PERKS THAT THAT PERSON NEEDS TO  
16 DECORATE THAT OFFICE. THANK YOU.

17  
18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC  
19 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, THIS ITEM WAS  
20 MOVED AND SECONDED ALREADY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE  
21 THE ORDER. WITH THAT, WE GO ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR KNABE HELD  
22 THAT ITEM.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I'D LIKE THE DEPARTMENT STAFF TO ASK THEM  
25 SOME QUESTIONS.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DEPARTMENT OF?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** HEALTH SERVICES.

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HEALTH SERVICES. GO AHEAD. WELCOME.

7 INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

8

9 **DR. HAL YEE:** MY NAME IS DR. HAL YEE. I'M THE CHIEF MEDICAL  
10 OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND I AM A  
11 PRACTICING GASTROENTEROLOGIST.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, MY ISSUE IS NOT NECESSARILY THE PRODUCT BUT  
14 IT'S THE MAKER OF THE PRODUCT AND THE SELLER OF THE PRODUCT AS  
15 IT RELATES TO THE SAFETY CONCERNS INVOLVING THESE ENDOSCOPES  
16 AND WHO WE'RE DEALING WITH. THE SCOPES MADE BY OLYMPUS HAVE  
17 BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO TWO PATIENT DEATHS AND OUTBREAKS AFFECTING  
18 MANY PATIENTS, NOT NECESSARILY LOCALLY BUT NATIONWIDE. SO I  
19 GUESS MY QUESTION IS, WHAT LEADS THE DEPARTMENT TO BELIEVE  
20 THAT THESE SCOPES ARE NOW SAFE TO USE ON OUR PATIENTS?

21

22 **DR. HAL YEE:** THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. I GUESS I'D LIKE TO  
23 TO START BY SAYING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY PROACTIVE  
24 ABOUT DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR  
25 PATIENTS WHEN THESE PROCEDURES ARE BEING DONE. THE





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1 GASTROENTEROLOGISTS IN ENDOSCOPY UNITS IN OUR THREE HOSPITALS  
2 THAT PERFORM THIS PROCEDURE IN FACT MODIFIED THEIR PROCESSING  
3 OF THESE ENDOSCOPES WELL BEFORE THE U.C.L.A. INVESTIGATION WAS  
4 MADE PUBLIC. WITHIN 36 HOURS OF WHEN THE F.D.A. PUT A WARNING  
5 ON THESE ENDOSCOPES, THE D.H.S. HAD A SYSTEM-WIDE PROTOCOL TO  
6 ENSURE THAT OUR PATIENTS COULD HAVE THIS PROCEDURE DONE  
7 SAFELY. WE'VE DONE AN AUDIT OF OUR SITES AND WE HAVE LOOKED  
8 BACK MORE THAN TWO YEARS AND WE HAVE FOUND NO EXAMPLES OF A  
9 SINGLE PATIENT WHO HAS ACQUIRED THIS SUPERBUG CONNECTION. SO  
10 WE REALLY DO FEEL THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR OUR  
11 PATIENTS. I THINK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE DO  
12 IN OUR SYSTEM IS WE ONLY PERFORM THIS PROCEDURE, CALLED AN  
13 E.R.C.P., WHEN IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO SAVE LIVES OR TO  
14 AVOID A SURGERY. AND THIS IS AS OPPOSED TO WHAT WE MIGHT SEE  
15 AT OTHER SITES OUTSIDE OF OUR SYSTEM WHERE THESE PROCEDURES  
16 CAN BE DONE FOR DIAGNOSTICS ON OTHER THINGS. SO WE REALLY ARE  
17 ONLY DOING THESE PROCEDURES WHEN NECESSARY. NOW, WITH REGARDS  
18 TO OLYMPUS AND THE SCOPE, THIS PARTICULAR MODEL OF SCOPE, WHAT  
19 WE'VE DISCOVERED WITH FURTHER INVESTIGATION BOTH AT A NATIONAL  
20 LEVEL AND AT A LOCAL LEVEL, IT TURNS OUT THE G.I. MEETINGS  
21 WERE THIS LAST WEEKEND AND I ATTENDED THEM, IS THAT SUCH  
22 INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AND REPORTED BOTH FOR  
23 DIFFERENT MODELS OF THE ENDOSCOPE THAT OLYMPUS MAKES AS WELL  
24 AS BY ALL OF THE OTHER VENDORS, INCLUDING FUJI AND PENTAX. SO  
25 IT'S OUR BELIEF THAT IT'S THE TECHNOLOGY THAT PERMITS THE



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1 E.R.C.P.S, THE PROCEDURES TO BE DONE. THAT'S THE RISK AS  
2 OPPOSED TO THIS PARTICULAR VENDOR OR THIS PARTICULAR MODEL. AS  
3 A RESULT, WHAT WE DO AND HAVE DONE NOW SINCE THIS BECAME A  
4 KNOWN ISSUE IS WE MONITOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE SCOPES  
5 AFTER A PROCEDURE IS DONE TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO BACTERIA  
6 THAT REMAIN ON THE 'SCOPES. THAT'S THE FIRST THING WE DO,  
7 BECAUSE IF THE BACTERIA ARE NOT THERE, THERE'S NO WAY TO  
8 TRANSMIT THIS. WE ALSO ARE FOLLOWING THE F.D.A. AND C.D.C.  
9 GUIDELINES IN EVERY SINGLE CASE TO ENSURE THAT WE PROCESS,  
10 CLEAN, AND STERILIZE THE DEVICES AS MUCH AS WE CAN. WE FEEL  
11 PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT BY CONTINUING TO BE VIGILANT ABOUT  
12 MONITORING, BY STAYING ON TOP OF GUIDELINES AND ENSURING THAT  
13 WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE EACH AND EVERY TIME, WE'RE GOING TO  
14 BE KEEPING OUR PATIENTS SAFE FROM THESE INFECTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS MY CONCERN WAS THE BOARD LETTER STATED  
17 THAT THESE ARE BEST SUITED FOR OUR FACILITIES. THIS PARTICULAR  
18 PRODUCT BY OLYMPUS WAS BEST SUITED FOR OUR FACILITIES. AND I  
19 JUST FOUND IT UNIQUE WE COULD MAKE THAT CLAIM, SINCE THIS HAS  
20 BEEN LINKED TO A SUCH AN ALARMING NUMBER OF PATIENT  
21 INFECTIONS. OTHER PRODUCTS HAVE NOT, AM I CORRECT?

22

23 **DR. HAL YEE:** WELL, THE CHALLENGE FOR US HERE, AND I THINK IT'S  
24 GENERALLY ACCEPTED, THAT THE REASON THAT THE OLYMPUS DEVICE  
25 HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOST REPORTS IS BECAUSE THEY



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1 ACTUALLY HAVE 90 PERCENT OF THE MARKET SHARE. AND SO PEOPLE  
2 MORE EXPERT THAN I CURRENTLY BELIEVE THAT THE DEVICE -- AND I  
3 CAN GET INTO THE SPECIFICS IF YOU WANT TO, BUT I'M NOT GOING  
4 TO UNLESS YOU ASK -- IS THE TECHNOLOGY THAT'S NECESSARY THAT  
5 PUTS IT AT RISK AND THAT EVEN IF WE SWITCHED TO EITHER AN  
6 OLDER MODEL MADE BY OLYMPUS OR TO THE FUJI OR TO THE PENTAX  
7 DEVICES, WE WOULD PUT OUR PATIENTS AT NO LESS RISK. THERE IS  
8 NO DATA, NO EVIDENCE THAT OUR PATIENTS WOULD BE SAFER  
9 SWITCHING TO A DIFFERENT 'SCOPE. SO WHAT WE REALLY FOCUS ON IS  
10 ENSURING THAT WE ONLY PERFORM THE PROCEDURES WHEN PATIENTS  
11 ABSOLUTELY NEED IT AND THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE  
12 THAT THE 'SCOPES CANNOT TRANSMIT ANY INFECTIONS TO THEM.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. OKAY, WE  
17 HAVE SOME SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE DR. GENEVIEVE  
18 CLAVREUL. WE ALSO HAVE HERMAN HERMAN AND MR. HUNT.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
21 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM PRETTY UPSET ABOUT THAT OLYMPIC  
22 SPIEL, YOU KNOW. LAST YEAR WHEN DR. KATZ WANTED TO PURCHASE  
23 THE EQUIPMENT, I PROVIDED HIM WITH INFORMATION HOW POORLY THAT  
24 EQUIPMENT WAS AND HOW YOU SHOULD ASK FOR A LOWER PRICE. AND  
25 ACTUALLY AT THE TIME, A LOT OF THE HOSPITALS WERE ABLE TO



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1 NEGOTIATE MUCH LOWER ACQUISITION PRICE THAN WE DID. AND  
2 THAT'S, YOU KNOW, REALLY CONCERNED ME. AND CONTRARY TO WHAT  
3 YOU WERE GIVEN TESTIMONY TWO MINUTES AGO IS NOT QUITE  
4 ACCURATE. AND I WISH YOU WILL LOOK MORE DEEPLY ON IT. AND  
5 ACTUALLY THE ISSUE OF OLYMPUS GO BACK TO LIKE THREE YEARS AGO  
6 IN ACTUALLY DENMARK. I PROVIDED TON OF INFORMATION ON HOW  
7 DIFFICULT IT IS TO CLEAN THE EQUIPMENT. EVEN NOW WITH THE NEW  
8 EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TOTALLY CLEAN  
9 IT. SO I THINK THAT -- AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, IN A LETTER, THEY  
10 SAID THE BOARD APPROVED AND DIDN'T GIVE YOU AUTHORITY TO  
11 INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION TO 40 PERCENT. HOW DO WE DO  
12 THAT? YOU KNOW, IN THE PAST, WE USED TO CLAIM, GOT UPSET WHEN  
13 IT WAS 25 PERCENT. NOW WE'RE GOING 40 PERCENT WITHOUT GOING  
14 BACK TO THE BOARD? WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU KNOW, AT THIS STAGE OF  
15 THE GAME, GIVEN ALL THE INFORMATION DR. KATZ HAD BEEN PROVIDED  
16 WITH, I WONDER IF HE'S GETTING A KICKBACK FROM OLYMPUS. IT  
17 DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. 40 PERCENT INCREASE ON EQUIPMENT? SCARY.  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I DEFINITELY KNOW WHAT IT'S  
21 LIKE TO CLEAN EQUIPMENT. IN MY SERVICE AT COUNTY U.S.C., IT  
22 WAS DIFFICULT, DIFFICULT WHEN YOU COULDN'T HAVE GLOVES AT A  
23 TIME WHEN THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH HAVING ENOUGH GLOVES. SO WE  
24 USED SURGICAL GLOVES. MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, RIGHT? NO. IT  
25 PREVENTED US FROM GETTING A.I.D.S. IT PREVENTED US FROM



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1 GETTING A.I.D.S. SO CLEANING EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND  
2 MAINTENANCE AT ALL TIMES IN OUR HEALTH FACILITIES IS VERY  
3 IMPORTANT. NOT ONLY CAN YOU GET A.I.D.S. THROUGH BLOOD  
4 TRANSFUSIONS, ALTHOUGH IT'S OFF THE TOPIC, IT HAS TO DO WITH  
5 RESPECTFULLY CLEANING EQUIPMENT AND HAVING THE MONEY AND THE  
6 PEOPLE THERE TO ENSURE THAT OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY IS NOT GOING  
7 IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN  
8 INSTRUMENT THAT GOES UP THE WRONG DIRECTION. BUT THAT'S  
9 BESIDES THE POINT. I'M HERE TO ASK THAT THIS HEALTH SERVICE,  
10 THROUGH THE COUNTY BOARD, EXTEND POSSIBLE, YOU KNOW, MONEY  
11 INCREMENTS TO SECURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS SAFELY CLEANED. WE  
12 SHOULDN'T ATTACK THE PEOPLE WHO PROMOTE GIVING US BETTER  
13 HEALTH. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES. EQUIPMENT OR THE WAY  
14 THEY MAKE THEM OR THE WAY TO BUILD THEM. THIS IS NOT N.A.S.A.,  
15 BECAUSE N.A.S.A. NEVER MAKES MISTAKES. BUT WHEN N.A.S.A. DOES  
16 MAKE A MISTAKE, THEY SURE KNOW HOW TO GET US AMERICANS DOWN  
17 FROM THE MOON. SO LET'S FIND A BETTER PROCESS OF ENSURING THAT  
18 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL OF US IS SAFE AND WE AS AMERICANS  
19 ARE PROTECTED THROUGH THE HEALTH SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY  
20 PROVIDES. I RENDER BACK THE TIME OF 13 SECONDS BACK TO YOU,  
21 MADAME CHAIR, MISS HILDA SOLIS.

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23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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1   **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THE RED CHIEF HUNT ON THE  
2   RECORD. I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO EVERYBODY AND I'M KIND OF  
3   WONDERING, IS THIS THE ONLY COMPANY OUT THERE THAT ACTUALLY  
4   DOES THIS WORK? PROBABLY WHY THERE WEREN'T MORE BIDS OR  
5   SOMEBODY ELSE WHO HAD INTEREST IN THIS. BUT ANY TIME THAT YOU  
6   ACTUALLY, PEOPLE COME UP THERE AND HAND SOME KIND OF SCOPE OR  
7   SOMETHING, THAT'S NONSENSE. THAT ONLY LEAVES THE COUNTY WITH  
8   THE RESPONSIBILITY. SO NOT ONLY DO I BELIEVE IN CLEANING THIS,  
9   BUT I BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE CLEANING THOSE INSTRUMENTS  
10   SHOULD BE DEFINED AND HELD RESPONSIBLE, BECAUSE AT THE END OF  
11   THE DAY, IT STILL COMES BACK TO THE BOARD AND SOMEBODY ENDS UP  
12   DEAD. THEN THE COUNTY USUALLY ENDS UP PAYING FOR IT. THAT'S  
13   LIABILITY. BY RESPECT OF THINGS, THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE THAT  
14   ACTUALLY CAN DO THE JOB WITHOUT, I MEAN, WITH THE SAFETY OF  
15   ALL AMERICANS OR ALL LOS ANGELES, EVERYBODY THAT USED THE  
16   COUNTY FACILITIES AND DEFINE THAT. AND THEN I WOULD REALLY  
17   RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE MORE THAN ONE OR TWO COMPANIES OR  
18   WHATEVER. SO ON THAT NOTE, I AM GOING TO LEAVE. I AM THE RED  
19   CHIEF HUNT.

20

21   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, ON THAT ITEM, THAT ITEM IS  
22   BEFORE US. ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT  
23   OBJECTION. MEMBERS, WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO SPECIAL ITEMS AND  
24   ADJOURNMENTS, STARTING WITH DISTRICT 1. AND I HAVE ONE  
25   ADJOURNMENT. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF





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1 MARIA GUTIERREZ. MARIA WAS UNIVISION'S FORMER SENIOR VICE  
2 PRESIDENT AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF LOCAL MEDIA FOR K.F.T.V.  
3 SHE DIED THURSDAY, MAY 19TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.  
4 MARIA GREW UP IN EAST L.A. AND GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
5 UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HISTORY AND POLITICAL  
6 SCIENCE. SHE DID GRADUATE WORK AT U.S.C. I KNEW MARIA  
7 PERSONALLY FOR OVER 20 YEARS AS SHE SERVED THE LATINO  
8 COMMUNITY THROUGH HER JOB AT UNIVISION. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP,  
9 UNIVISION BECAME THE LEADING SPANISH-LANGUAGE TELEVISION  
10 STATION IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, AND I'M DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR  
11 OF HER PASSING. SHE WAS THE ONLY CHILD OF IMMIGRANT PARENTS  
12 AND USED HER GIFT OF STORYTELLING TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE  
13 ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY. I'LL MISS HER  
14 COURAGE, HER DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE, AND MOST OF ALL HER  
15 FRIENDSHIP TO ALL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER GODDAUGHTERS, KATRINA  
16 HERRERA AND MARGARITA GUTIERREZ, HER COUSINS SONYA GOMEZ-  
17 HERRERA AND EDNA ORTIZ CHAVEZ, HER AUNT AND UNCLE, HER ADOPTED  
18 SISTERS, SANDY MENDOZA, AND HER CLOSE FRIENDS LILIA, LINDA  
19 MARTINEZ AND DR. RUBIN QUINTANA. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY SO  
20 MANY. SHE TOUCHED SO MANY OF OUR HEARTS. MAY SHE REST IN  
21 PEACE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
24 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF APOSTLE WILLIAM  
25 BROADOUS, WHO DIED ON MAY 3RD. DURING HIS TENURE AT CALVARY



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1 BAPTIST CHURCH IN PACOIMA, APOSTLE BROADOUS ESTABLISHED  
2 CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, CALVARY BOOKSTORE, THE ROSE L.  
3 BROADOUS CHILDREN'S ACADEMY, AND CALVARY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
4 CORPORATION. BETWEEN 1990 AND 2006, HE LED EIGHT MISSIONARY  
5 TRIPS TO AFRICA, WHERE HE CONDUCTED REVIVALS AND SEMINARS. HE  
6 WAS A SUPPORTER OF MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE  
7 SAN FERNANDO CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P., THE BOYS AND GIRLS'  
8 CLUB OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND THE ALICIA BROADOUS-  
9 DUNCAN SENIOR CENTER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GLORIA AND HIS  
10 CHILDREN, BISHOP MIQUAIL BROADOUS, TERIA ANTOINETTE BROADOUS,  
11 APRIL CHANEL BROADOUS-DAY, THE REVEREND KENNETH TAYLOR-  
12 BROADOUS, AND WILLIAM T. BROADOUS II. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
13 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A REALLY FINE, FUNNY,  
14 AND WONDERFUL ACTOR, ALAN YOUNG, WHO DIED ON MAY 20TH. HE  
15 PLAYED THE ICONIC ROLE OF THE AFFABLE ARCHITECT AND OWNER OF  
16 THE TALKING HORSE WILBUR ON THE HIT C.B.S. SHOW "MR. ED."  
17 COMEDIAN PRODUCER GEORGE BURNS CALLED ALAN THE KIND OF GUY A  
18 HORSE WOULD TALK TO. LATER IN HIS CAREER, HE PROVIDED THE  
19 VOICE OF SCROOGE MC DUCK IN DISNEY'S "MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS  
20 CAROL" AND OTHER ANIMATED T.V. SERIES, INCLUDING "THE SMURFS,"  
21 "ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS," AND "DUCK TALES." AND I MOVE THAT  
22 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY MAC  
23 GONZALEZ. HER PASSION FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND GOING GREEN LED  
24 TO HER ESTABLISHING THE VERY FIRST RECYCLING CENTER IN  
25 CALIFORNIA IN THE 1950S. SHE WON THE ANNUAL MALIBU'S



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1 FRIENDLIEST PERSON AWARD EVERY YEAR, WHICH PROMPTED THE LIONS  
2 CLUB THERE TO STOP GIVING IT OUT, AS SHE WAS CONSISTENTLY THE  
3 ONLY ONE WHO WON. EVEN IN HER 80S, SHE REGULARLY DELIVERED  
4 GOODS TO HOMELESS SHELTERS, VISITED THE SICK AND ALL OUR  
5 HOSPITALS, SELFLESSLY VOLUNTEERED HER TIME IN SUPPORT OF A  
6 VAST NUMBER OF SOCIAL CAUSES. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
7 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOWARD TAYLOR, WHO SPENT HIS  
8 46-YEAR CAREER AS A THEORETICAL CHEMIST AND THEORETICAL  
9 PHYSICIST AT U.S.C. AND SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE. HE  
10 MADE NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUANTUM CHEMISTRY THAT FOUND  
11 WIDE USE IN MANY FIELDS OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS. HE HELD  
12 PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
13 ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY AND  
14 WAS THE RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS, INCLUDING THE U.S.C.  
15 ASSOCIATES AWARD FOR CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH AND THE  
16 MAX PLANCK RESEARCH AWARD FOR ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS. HE  
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS, HARRIET, AND HIS THREE  
18 DAUGHTERS, RACHEL TAYLOR, LEEZA TAYLOR, AND JACQUELINE GREEN.  
19 FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
20 MEMORY OF JULIAN PIERS PLOWDEN. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL TELEVISION  
21 WRITER IN HOLLYWOOD, SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND  
22 THE HEAD OF THE STORY DEPARTMENT AT PARAMOUNT, AND THE VICE  
23 PRESIDENT OF CREATIVE AFFAIRS AT LORIMAR. AFTER WORKING AT  
24 LORIMAR, HE WORKED ON SEVERAL SCRIPTS, INCLUDING THE 1982 FILM  
25 "THE 40 DAYS OF MUSA DAGH" ABOUT THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND A



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1 1988 T.V. MOVIE, "AMERICA'S VICTORIA: REMEMBERING VICTORIA  
2 WOODHULL," ABOUT THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO RUN FOR UNITED STATES  
3 PRESIDENT. JULIAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDIE, HIS SISTER  
4 PERDITA BURLINGAME, AND HIS SONS PETER AND GEOFFREY. THANK  
5 YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF  
8 ANDREW CHARLES LAZZARETTO, JR. BETTER KNOWN AS ANDY, PASSED  
9 AWAY PEACEFULLY AT HIS HOME IN BURBANK AT THE AGE OF 73 ON MAY  
10 18TH SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY. I'VE KNOWN ANDY FOR OVER 30  
11 YEARS, BUT HE SPENT MORE THAN 50 YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE. HE  
12 HAS SERVED AS CITY MANAGER OF WALNUT, STANTON, ALHAMBRA,  
13 BURBANK, ROSEMEAD, AND AS AN ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER IN  
14 MONTEBELLO AND REDWOOD. IN ADDITION, HE WAS VERY HELPFUL TO US  
15 ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY AND THE  
16 ISSUES CONFRONTING US AT L.A.X. EXPANSION. IN 1985 HE FOUNDED  
17 A.C. LAZZARETTO & ASSOCIATES, A MUNICIPAL CONSULTING FIRM. HIS  
18 CLIENTS RANGED FROM THE SMALLEST CITY IN THE COUNTY AND TO THE  
19 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ONE OF HIS PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS  
20 THAT AT LEAST 15 OF HIS ASSISTANTS BECAME CITY MANAGERS,  
21 INCLUDING ONE OF HIS SONS. ANDY WAS KNOWN FOR HIS GREAT SENSE  
22 OF HUMOR, GENEROSITY, JOYFUL LIFE, AND A GREAT, BIG HEART.  
23 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER ANDY, SR., WIFE NAN, SIBLINGS  
24 MICHAEL, DANIEL, TERESA AND JOHN, CHILDREN ANTHONY, MARK,  
25 DOMINIC, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, COUNTLESS NIECES, NEPHEWS,



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1 COUSINS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHOSE LIVES WERE TOUCHED BY THIS  
2 VERY HUMBLE, PEACEFUL AND JOY-FILLED MAN. BIG LOSS. ALSO THAT  
3 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELAINE MCELHINNEY, WHO PASSED AWAY  
4 RECENTLY FOLLOWING A BRIEF ILLNESS. SHE WAS BORN IN PORTLAND  
5 AND SPENT HER CHILDHOOD MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR HER  
6 FATHER'S NAVY CAREER. AFTER SHE GRADUATED FROM MOUNT ST.  
7 MARY'S IN LOS ANGELES, SHE WORKED FOR THE NEXT 34 YEARS AS A  
8 SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE RETIRED AS A  
9 REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
10 FAMILY SERVICES. HER FREE TIME WAS TAKEN UP WITH HER PASSION  
11 FOR TRAVELING, SHE VISITED 39 COUNTRIES, BAKING AND OTHER  
12 ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING GARDENING. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
13 DAUGHTER KRISTEN, SON-IN-LAW AARON, GRANDDAUGHTER AND HER FOUR  
14 SISTERS AND NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
15 BETTY ATKINS-HARRIS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, PASSED  
16 AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 75. SHE IS RETIRED FROM THE CITY  
17 OF LONG BEACH BACK IN 1996, WAS INVOLVED IN MANY COMMUNITY  
18 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AS WELL AS THE LONG BEACH  
19 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF CHRIST  
20 SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH AND MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. IN LONG  
21 BEACH. SHE WAS A MENTOR TO YOUNG LADIES AND A FRIEND TO MANY,  
22 AS WELL. SHE WILL BE MISSED, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
23 DAUGHTER, A DEAR FRIEND, ELISE DODSON, A COUNTY PROBATION  
24 EMPLOYEE. FINALLY THAT I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
25 BRENDA CARTER, WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 14TH. OUR THOUGHTS AND



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1 PRAYERS ARE WITH HER FRIENDS. SHE IS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF MR.  
2 CHARLES KENT. THANK YOU. ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALSO I'D LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY THAT  
7 PASTOR WILLIAM BROADOUS, WHO PASSED AWAY, QUITE INVOLVED. I  
8 BEGAN WORKING WITH THE BROADOUS FAMILY WHEN I WAS FIRST  
9 ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 1980. AND HIS SISTER  
10 WAS ONE OF OUR PLANNING APPOINTEES FOR THE ALTADENA AREA PLAN,  
11 WHERE SHE RESIDES. IT WAS A WONDERFUL FAMILY, ALL DEVOTED TO  
12 OUR LORD, AND HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND WELL-  
13 RESPECTED. ALSO ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND OF OVER 40 YEARS WAS  
14 ANDREW LAZZARETTO THAT WAS JUST MENTIONED. ANDY WAS, WHEN I  
15 WAS FIRST ELECTED, HE WAS THE CITY MANAGER FOR BURBANK AND DID  
16 AN INCREDIBLE JOB. THE SAD PART OF HIS LIFE WAS WHEN HIS SON  
17 WAS MURDERED, A POLICE OFFICER IN GLENDALE. HE WAS MURDERED  
18 DUE TO GANG ACTIVITY, AND A FREEWAY IS NAMED AFTER HIM. HIS  
19 SON WAS MARRIED TO BOB TAYLOR'S DAUGHTER, WHO WAS OUR FORMER  
20 PROBATION DIRECTOR. AND SISTER THERESE DONAHUE, SISTERS OF ST.  
21 JOSEPH OF CARONDELET, SHE WAS AN EDUCATOR, ADMINISTERED  
22 ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL, AND COLLEGE LEVELS, WAS PART OF THE  
23 FIRST MISSIONARY GROUP TO GO TO PERU AND MINISTERED FOR EIGHT  
24 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER MAURICE, NEPHEWS JERRY  
25 AND DANNY, AND THAT'S THE ORDER. PASTOR VICTOR WRIGHT, A





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1 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, FOUNDING MEMBER OF FAMILY OF  
2 FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER DOROTHY. LINDA  
3 HOPKINS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GRANADA HILLS WAS A LEGAL WORD  
4 PROCESSOR AND PART OF THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.  
5 SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERED AT THE ANNUAL VALLEY DISASTER  
6 PREPAREDNESS FAIR WITH THE LIBRARY SERVICE TO SHUT-INS  
7 PROGRAMS. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND WILLIAM AND SISTER ELAINE.  
8 PAUL ORBAN, HE WAS A WHITE SUITER FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES.  
9 HE SERVED SINCE 1968 SERVING ON 15 DIFFERENT COMMITTEES BEFORE  
10 BECOMING AN HONORARY MEMBER IN 2001. ELAINE BILER MC KENNEDY.  
11 SHE WAS A FORMER WORKER FOR THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR OVER 34  
13 YEARS AND SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY IN  
14 LOS ANGELES AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER. A REAL  
15 INSTITUTION IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS JACK STUART BONES,  
16 SR. HE HAD 40 YEARS SERVICE AS A RESERVE DEPUTY AND RETIRING  
17 AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED  
18 POSSE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR DAUGHTER AND HE  
19 WAS AN 85-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE LITTLEROCK AREA, PASSED AWAY AT  
20 THE AGE OF 96. ENRIQUE "HENRY" SILVA WORKED AT THE JONATHAN  
21 CLUB FOR OVER 50 YEARS, WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF  
22 COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE, AND THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS. HE  
23 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ISABEL AND THEIR SIX CHILDREN. DEPUTY  
24 JAMES "JIM" TERBORG PASSED AWAY MAY 17TH. HE WAS A VETERAN OF  
25 THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND RETIRED AS A



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1 SERGEANT IN 1984. AND ALSO ALAN YOUNG, THE GREAT ACTOR, AND  
2 ONE OF THE GREAT PROGRAMS THAT HE WAS THE STAR OF THE SITCOM.  
3 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, CHAIRMAN, AND THEN I HAVE  
4 SOME QUESTIONS I WANT TO PASS TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. THIS IS A  
5 -- I WANT TO READ AN EMAIL I JUST RECEIVED FROM ANGIE MERLE,  
6 AND THIS IS THE FRUSTRATION THAT'S GOING ON. "OUR FAMILY OF  
7 FIVE, MY HUSBAND AND I AND OUR THREE SMALL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN  
8 RELOCATED FROM OUR HOME IN PORTER RANCH SINCE JANUARY 23RD. ON  
9 MAY 27TH -- I SHOULD SAY ON APRIL 27TH, WE HAD TO SELF-PLACE  
10 IN A HOTEL SINCE THE TWO OPTIONS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS  
11 OAKWOOD GAVE US WERE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, THE ONLY PART OF  
12 THE CITY I SHARED WITH OAKWOOD THAT WE DID NOT WANT TO BE IN.  
13 WE WERE APPROVED BY SOUTHERN CAL GAS TO SELF-PLACE AND WE HAD  
14 TO PAY FOR OUR HOTEL ROOM OUT OF OUR POCKET SINCE APRIL 27TH.  
15 LAST WEEK, OUR BANK ACCOUNT WAS IN THE NEGATIVE UNTIL MY  
16 HUSBAND AND I RECEIVED OUR PAYCHECKS FROM WORK ON FRIDAY.  
17 THANK GOD FOR THAT. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD TO CHANGE ROOMS IN  
18 OUR HOTEL, BECAUSE THE ROOM WE WERE IN WAS SOLD OUT. AND UPON  
19 MOVING ROOMS, THE HOTEL HAD TO CHARGE OUR CREDIT CARD FOR THE  
20 18 DAYS WE WERE IN THAT FIRST ROOM. THAT COST WAS \$6,435,  
21 ANOTHER BIG HIT TO OUR CREDIT CARD. TWICE THIS WEEKEND WHEN WE  
22 TRIED TO BUY FOOD FOR OUR FAMILY, MY CREDIT CARD WAS DECLINED.  
23 I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW EMBARRASSING THAT WAS AND THE ANXIETY AS  
24 A MOTHER NOT KNOWING HOW I AM GOING TO FEED MY FAMILY. OUR  
25 CREDIT CARDS ARE MAXED OUT DUE TO THE COSTS OF RELOCATION WE



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1 HAVE HAD TO INCUR WITH NO REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE SOUTHERN  
2 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY IN TWO MONTHS. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT BEEN  
3 REIMBURSED FOR MILEAGE SINCE APRIL 9TH PLUS 9 DAYS RANDOMLY  
4 SKIPPED OVER IN MARCH. ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS THAT'S  
5 OVER \$12,000. WE HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR MEALS SINCE  
6 APRIL 2ND PLUS 9 DAYS RANDOMLY SKIPPED OVER IN MARCH.  
7 ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THAT'S OVER \$4,000. WE HAVE NOT  
8 BEEN REIMBURSED FOR OUR HOTEL STAY FROM 4/27 TO 5/2 AT THE  
9 COURTYARD MARRIOTT SUBMITTED TO THE SOUTHERN CAL GAS ON MAY  
10 3RD FOR \$720. WE HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR OUR HOTEL STAY  
11 FROM 5/2 TO 5/20 AT THE WESTLAKE VILLAGE INN SUBMITTED TO THE  
12 GAS COMPANY ON MAY 21ST FOR \$6,435. WE ARE OWED MORE THAN  
13 \$23,000 BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS FOR MEALS, MILEAGE AND  
14 HOTEL EXPENSES. CAN YOU IMAGINE? THIS HAS TAKEN A HUGE  
15 FINANCIAL TOLL ON MY FAMILY IN ADDITION TO THE AILMENTS WE  
16 EXPERIENCE DUE TO THE GAS LEAK, THE DISRUPTION AND  
17 INCONVENIENCE OF RELOCATION, THE LOST TIME WE CAN NEVER GET  
18 COMMUTING, PACKING, AND MOVING FROM ONE HOTEL TO ANOTHER  
19 HOTEL. MY LIAISON HAS TOLD ME SINCE FRIDAY THAT HE WOULD BE  
20 LOOKING INTO THIS FOR US. WE NEED CONCRETE ANSWERS. WE NEED  
21 OUR EXPENSES REIMBURSED IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT'S BEEN EIGHT  
22 WEEKS SINCE WE HAVE EVEN BEEN REIMBURSED. THIS IS  
23 UNACCEPTABLE." I KNOW ON FRIDAY IN COURT THE JUDGE ORDERED  
24 THAT THE GAS COMPANY HAD TO CLEAN UP THE HOMES. BUT NOW WE  
25 FIND OUT THEY WERE NOT CLEANING UP ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL OF



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1 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. AND THE QUESTION IS: WHAT CAN WE DO  
2 TO HAVE THE COURT ORDER A MEDIATOR SO PEOPLE ARE PAID AND  
3 THEIR CREDIT RATINGS ARE RESTORED? AND ALSO, HOW CAN WE ENSURE  
4 THAT WHEN THE COURT GIVES AN ORDER, THE GAS COMPANY DOESN'T  
5 PUT A FINGER IN THEIR EYE OF THE VICTIMS BUT THEY CONTINUE TO  
6 FOLLOW THE COURT ORDER INSTEAD OF NOT FOLLOWING THE COURT  
7 ORDER? THESE ARE NOT TWO-YEAR-OLDS WHO CAN'T BE EXPLAINED WHAT  
8 A COURT ORDER SAYS, AND THEY CAN READ WHAT IT STATES, THAT THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL OVERSEE THE PROTOCOLS AND THE  
10 CLEANING OF THOSE FACILITIES. AND THEY CONTINUE TO FRUSTRATE  
11 THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VICTIMS FOR THE GAS COMPANY'S LEAK.  
12 THE GAS COMPANY'S RESPONSIBLE. SO LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL  
13 THE TWO ISSUES ON HOW DO WE GET THE COURT TO GO BACK AND ORDER  
14 THEM AGAIN AND HOLD THEM IN CONTEMPT? AND SECONDLY, HOW DO WE  
15 HAVE THE COURT ORDER A MEDIATOR SO THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE  
16 PAID?

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18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, UNFORTUNATELY THERE'S  
19 TOO MANY OF THESE STORIES INVOLVING SO CAL GAS THROUGHOUT THIS  
20 WHOLE PAST MANY MONTHS OVER THE LEAK AND EVERYTHING. SO WHAT  
21 MY OFFICE HAS BEEN DOING IS SINCE THE COURT ENTERED THE ORDER  
22 ON LAST FRIDAY REGARDING THE CLEANING OF THE HOMES, IT IS  
23 CORRECT THAT UNFORTUNATELY SO CAL GAS HAS NOT HONORED THE  
24 COURT'S ORDER. WE HAVE BROUGHT THAT TO THEIR ATTENTION. WE'RE  
25 REQUIRED TO MEET AND CONFER WITH SO CAL GAS TO TRY TO RESOLVE



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1 THINGS BEFORE WE GO TO COURT. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT  
2 YESTERDAY AND TODAY. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY ARE  
3 AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT ORDER REGARDING THE HOUSE  
4 CLEANING. BUT IF THEY FAIL TO DO SO, WE ARE PREPARED TO GO  
5 INTO COURT AND ASK THE COURT FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
6 CONTEMPT AND THEIR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT ORDER. SO  
7 WE WOULD BE DOING THAT GOING INTO COURT THIS WEEK WITH RESPECT  
8 TO THAT IF THEY FAIL TO HONOR THE COURT ORDER. WITH RESPECT TO  
9 THE REIMBURSEMENTS OF RELOCATION EXPENSES, OUR PLAN AGAIN IS  
10 TO GO INTO COURT THIS WEEK AND ASK THE JUDGE TO APPOINT A  
11 REFEREE OR A MEDIATOR SO THAT THERE'S A MECHANISM IN PLACE  
12 THAT THE RESIDENTS OF PORTER RANCH CAN REACH OUT TO AND FOLLOW  
13 TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE REIMBURSED FOR THE OUT-OF-POCKET  
14 EXPENSES THEY'VE INCURRED.

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16 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHEN THE COURT ORDER ON FRIDAY,  
17 WHICH WAS FOUR DAYS AGO, STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH WILL BE OVERSEEING, THEY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE  
19 CLEANING OF THOSE HOMES ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH'S PROTOCOLS, WHICH WAS IN THE ORDER OF THE COURT AND  
21 THEY FAILED TO ABIDE BY THAT, WHAT CAN YOU TELL THOSE  
22 INDIVIDUALS WHEN YOU MEET WITH THEM MORE THAN TO DO WHAT THE  
23 COURT ORDERED? I MEAN, IT WAS NOT DISCRETIONARY/OPTIONAL. IT  
24 WAS A MANDATE.

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1   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WELL, IF THEY ARE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF  
2   COURT, I MEAN, THEY WOULD BE SANCTIONED FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH  
3   THE COURT ORDER.

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5   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WAS IT FOUR DAYS? THEY SHOULD BE  
6   SANCTIONED. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT ABOUT THE POOR VICTIMS WHO  
7   WANT TO MOVE BACK TO THEIR HOMES THAT HAVE TO BE CLEANED  
8   BEFORE THEY CAN MOVE IN?

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10   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE WOULD ARGUE THAT TO THE EXTENT THE  
11   CLEANING OF THE HOME HAS BEEN DELAYED AS A RESULT OF SO CAL  
12   GAS'S NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE COURT ORDER THAT ADDITIONAL TIME  
13   IS REQUIRED SO THAT THE HOMES COULD BE CLEANED AND THEN THE  
14   PEOPLE CAN MOVE BACK IN, SO THAT THE INDIVIDUALS, THE  
15   RESIDENTS GET WHAT THEY WERE ORIGINALLY ENTITLED TO UNDER THE  
16   ORDER.

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18   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW COULD WE DO THE CLEANING AND BILL  
19   THE SOUTHERN CAL GAS FOR THE CLEANING DONE THAT OUR DEPARTMENT  
20   OF PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR?

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22   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WELL, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, IF SO CAL GAS  
23   IS NONCOMPLIANT, THESE ARE ARGUMENTS WE WOULD MAKE TO THE  
24   COURT. ALLOW US. ALLOW US --

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE BEEN NONCOMPLIANT. WHEN  
2    DOES THE NONCOMPLIANCE RESULT IN A NONCOMPLIANCE?

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4    **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THEM THE  
5    NEED FOR THEM TO FOLLOW THE COURT ORDER YESTERDAY AND TODAY.  
6    MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY NOW ARE NOW AGREEING TO DO SO.  
7    AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THAT'S GOOD; IF NOT, WE WILL GO  
8    INTO COURT AND MAKE THE ARGUMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED.

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10   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ACTIONS HAVE THEY PROVIDED TO  
11   SHOW YOU AND THE VICTIMS THAT THEY ARE NOW COMPLIANT WITH THE  
12   COURT ORDER?

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14   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WELL, THEIR REPRESENTATIONS... TO  
15   FOLLOW WHAT THE COURT ORIGINALLY ORDERED AND THEN FOLLOW  
16   THROUGH. AND IN FACT, THAT IS THE CASE. SO ...

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18   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO ENSURES THAT THAT'S WHAT THEY  
19   HAVE DONE?

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21   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT WILL BE THE PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING  
22   AND THEN THE RESIDENTS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IN FACT THEIR  
23   HOMES HAVE BEEN CLEANED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER. BUT  
24   WE'RE MONITORING IT. I MEAN, IT'S HAPPENING ALL IN REAL TIME.

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT'S LIKE WE'RE MONITORING A MURDERER  
2    WHO KEEPS MURDERING PEOPLE INSTEAD OF STOPPING THEIR ILLEGAL  
3    ACTIVITIES, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW IN CONTEMPT OF COURT IF THEY  
4    FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT ORDER AND IT WAS VERY SIMPLE.  
5    THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROTOCOL WOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THE  
6    CLAIM. ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE EMAILS WE RECEIVED, THEY HAD  
7    PEOPLE DOING CLEAN THEY WERE NOT DOING IT ACCORDING TO THE  
8    PROTOCOL, WHICH WAS SPREADING THE CHEMICALS, ET CETERA, BACK  
9    IN THAT COMMUNITY OR INTO THAT HOME OR INTO THAT ENVIRONMENT.  
10   IT WAS STUPID. AND I AM SO FRUSTRATED THAT WE CAN'T JUST GO  
11   BACK INTO COURT NOW AND SAY A MEDIATOR COME IN AND OVERSEE THE  
12   CLEANING OR GIVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13   PUBLIC HEALTH AND WE WILL BILL THE SOUTHERN CAL GAS.

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15   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WELL, WE MAY BE AT THE POINT WHERE  
16   THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

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18   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WE HAVE  
19   DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS IN LANCASTER. IS SHE ON THE LINE?

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21   **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I AM  
22   DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS, AND I'M VERY MELLOW TODAY AS YOU CAN  
23   TELL. I WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
24   FRUSTRATION THAT YOU JUST SHOWED WAS EXCELLENT, AND THAT'S THE  
25   FRUSTRATION I FEEL FOR HAVING TO WAIT 20 YEARS FOR REDEMPTION.



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1 I'M WRITING A BOOK WHICH I'M FINISHED AND I AM GOING THROUGH  
2 CALLED "AN ABSENCE OF HONOR" WHICH TALKS ABOUT HOW THE  
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY CAME INTO BEING, THE CORRUPTION, THE STEALING,  
4 THE LAUNDERING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. AND AS SUPERVISOR  
5 KUEHL SAID, HERE'S THE LIST OF THE ENEMIES. I HAVE THE NAMES.  
6 AND I HAVE THE PROOF. AND THE REASON WHY I HAVE THE PROOF IS  
7 BECAUSE A GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF PETE KNIGHT TOLD ME ALMOST  
8 20 YEARS AGO WHEN I MET WITH HIM TO GET ALL OF THE EVIDENCE,  
9 DIANA, THAT YOU CAN GET. THE G.O.P. IS COMING AFTER YOU, AND  
10 WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS IF YOU HAVE THE EVIDENCE, THEN YOU MAY  
11 BE LEFT STANDING. AND IT'S TAKEN ALL THIS TIME FOR ME TO BE  
12 LEFT STANDING. I WANT TO SAY TO YOU, I TALKED TO MITCH  
13 BRUCKNER IN YOUR COURTHOUSE, MIKE, AND MITCH BRUCKNER HAS TOLD  
14 ME -- AND IT'S OKAY. I TAKE WHAT HE SAID -- THAT YOUR PUBLIC  
15 DEFENDERS ROLL OVER TO THE JUDGES, DEALS ARE MADE. MITCH  
16 BRUCKNER TOLD ME THAT. I TALKED TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THE  
17 AGENCIES AND THEY TELL ME ABOUT THE THEFT OF FUNDS. I TOLD  
18 EVERYONE NANCY SMITH LAUNDERED OVER A MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
19 PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 16 YEARS AGO. NOBODY HELPED ME. YOU  
20 JUST ALLOWED ME TO BE BURIED. I KNOW ABOUT JOHNNY Z. I KNOW  
21 ABOUT REX. I KNOW ABOUT FRANK. I KNOW ABOUT THE RUNNERS. I  
22 KNOW ABOUT ALL THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN STOLEN. I QUESTION THE  
23 SUICIDE OF ROSE. ALL OF THIS IS COMING OUT OF MY BOOK. BUT I'M  
24 TIRED, BECAUSE THE ONLY THINGS I CARE ABOUT RIGHT NOW IS  
25 D.C.F.S. AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO THE DEACONS FAMILY AND WHAT



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1 YOU DID YESTERDAY TO THE MC CORD. BARBARA DALLAS, THEY LIED. I  
2 WANT TO WALK AWAY. I WANT TO LEAVE THIS PLACE. BUT I WANT MY  
3 REDEMPTION. AND THAT IS WHAT MY BOOK IS ABOUT.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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7 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** AND YOUR D.C.F.S. PEOPLE ARE REALLY  
8 DESTROYING FAMILIES' LIVES. THANK YOU.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BYE. WE HAVE OTHER  
11 SPEAKERS. WE HAVE ELI JOHNSON, JOSE MARTINEZ, ARNOLD SACHS,  
12 ERIC PREVEN.

13

14 **ELI JOHNSON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME'S ELI JOHNSON. I  
15 GRADUATED MEDICAL SCHOOL TWO YEARS AGO. AND I AM ALSO A  
16 VETERAN OF THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION INFANTRY FOR FIVE YEARS.  
17 I WAS IN THE SECOND OF THE 87TH INFANTRY. AND I JUST WANTED TO  
18 BRING UP AN ISSUE THAT PROBABLY NOBODY'S REALLY THOUGHT MUCH  
19 ABOUT BECAUSE IT'S RELATIVELY SMALL IN SCOPE. THAT IS THE FACT  
20 THAT VETERANS ARE HAVING A REALLY TOUGH TIME GETTING INTO  
21 MEDICAL SCHOOL AND RESIDENCIES NOW. ONE OF MY MENTORS, STANLEY  
22 VALENTE, WHO GRADUATED MEDICAL SCHOOL AROUND WORLD WAR II AND  
23 PRACTICES IN LONG BEACH, IS A FAMILY MEDICINE, INTERNAL  
24 MEDICINE DOCTOR, HE STATED THAT IT WAS HARD TO GET GOOD  
25 RESIDENCIES BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL GOING TO VETERANS. TODAY,



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1 ONLY 13 OF THE 131 MEDICAL SCHOOLS ACCEPT ANY SIGNIFICANT  
2 AMOUNT OF VETERANS. THEIR RATIONALE FOR THAT IS  
3 MULTIFACTORIAL, BUT IT'S A DEEP ISSUE. FORTUNATELY WE HAVE  
4 OSTEOPATHIC SCHOOLS, WHICH THERE ARE ABOUT 40 OF, AND THEY  
5 GENERALLY ARE VERY OPEN TO VETERANS. SO MOST OF US END UP  
6 GOING EN MASSE TO THOSE SCHOOLS. I WENT TO TOURO UNIVERSITY BY  
7 SAN FRANCISCO. WHERE THIS COMES INTO PLAY FOR YOU IS THAT SOME  
8 OF THE RESIDENCY PHYSICIANS ARE FUNDED BY L.A. COUNTY, AND  
9 THIS IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO TRAIN. I WAS BLESSED TO GET A  
10 ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. I WENT TO LAST YEAR.  
11 AND IT WAS VERY INTENSE. THE TRAINING WAS EXCELLENT. AND I  
12 WORKED VERY HARD, AND I RATHER ENJOYED IT. NOW I AM AT A D.O.  
13 RESIDENCY FINISHING OUT MY EMERGENCY MEDICINE TRAINING AT A  
14 LEVEL 2 TRAUMA CENTER AT DESERT REGIONAL, AND IT'S ALSO QUITE  
15 ENJOYABLE. BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FOR ME TO BE IN  
16 L.A. AREA BECAUSE I HAVE FAMILY HERE. THAT BEING SAID, I JUST  
17 WANTED TO BRING UP THE ISSUE OF THERE IS A FORMAL VETERANS  
18 HIRING PREFERENCE THAT EXTENDS TO PHYSICIANS. AND  
19 UNFORTUNATELY HIRING MANAGERS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH RESIDENCY  
20 HIRING, I WAS TOLD I SHOULD TAKE MY VETERANS STATUS OFF MY  
21 RESUME TO MAKE MYSELF MORE MARKETABLE. I WAS INFORMED THAT  
22 SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT MY HONORABLE DISCHARGE WAS A RED FLAG. AND  
23 THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT I'VE GONE THROUGH THE  
24 SELECTION PROCESS WITH THAT HAVE STATED THAT THEY'VE HAD  
25 QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THEIR MENTAL STABILITY IN MEDICAL SCHOOL



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1 AND RESIDENCY. INTERESTINGLY, A 2015 J.A.M.A. PSYCHIATRY  
2 REPORT ON VETERANS SHOWED THAT IF YOU HAD AN HONORABLE  
3 DISCHARGE, AND I'M SURE MR. KNABE IS WELL AWARE OF THIS, IF  
4 YOU HAVE AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE, YOU'RE ACTUALLY MORE STABLE  
5 THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION, EVEN IF YOU HAVE SEEN COMBAT,  
6 WHICH IS GREAT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE IDEAS ARE PROPAGATING  
7 ANECDOTALLY THROUGH LOTS OF PARTS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING  
8 MEDICINE. I JUST THOUGHT I'D BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION AS  
9 SOMETHING TO LOOK FOR.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE ON STAFF  
12 TALK WITH YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SOMEONE FROM MY STAFF WILL STEP AWAY TO SPEAK WITH  
15 YOU.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T WE ASK DR. KATZ AND ALSO  
20 THE VETERANS COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO THE COMMENTS THAT HE HAD  
21 MADE RELATIVE, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
22 MEDICAL SCHOOLS. THEY SHOULD BE TREATING EVERYONE EQUALLY. SO  
23 I'D ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO DO THAT.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?





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2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. CLARIFICATION PURPOSES, ARNOLD  
3   SACHS, THE DISCUSSION THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD WITH  
4   COUNTY COUNSEL, WHAT ITEM WAS THAT REFERRING TO? WHAT ITEM WAS  
5   THAT COUNTY COUNSEL YOU WERE SO QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT WE'RE  
6   ON AND OFF THE SUBJECT?

7

8   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT'S A CLOSED SESSION ITEM.

9

10   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT WASN'T HELD SPECIAL. SO DON'T YOU NEED TO  
11   HOLD CLOSED SESSION ITEMS SPECIAL TO GET REPORTS BACK ON IT SO  
12   THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?

13

14   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SO CAL GAS IS AN "A" ITEM ON OUR  
15   BOARD'S AGENDA. AND THE SUPERVISORS ARE ALLOWED TO ASK A  
16   CERTAIN AMOUNT OF QUESTIONS IN A REPORT BACK CAPACITY, WHICH  
17   IS THE EXCHANGE THAT WE HAD.

18

19   **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND IN THAT CAPACITY, IN THAT EXCHANGE, THAT  
20   MEANS THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM WOULD STILL BE ALIVE AND PEOPLE  
21   WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON IT. IS THAT CORRECT? [SILENCE.] IS  
22   THAT CORRECT?

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24   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOU ALREADY SPOKE ON HELD ITEMS, SIR.

25



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1     **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME?

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3     **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOU WERE ALREADY CALLED UP TO SPEAK ON  
4     YOUR HELD ITEMS.

5

6     **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M NOT REFERRING TO ME, MA'AM. I'M NOT  
7     REFERRING TO ME. I'M SAYING SPEAKERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK  
8     ON THAT ITEM IF THEY SIGNED UP FOR IT AND IT WAS STILL  
9     AVAILABLE TO BE SPOKEN ON. AND AS SUPERVISOR --

10

11    **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THOSE ITEMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CALLED UP  
12    AND ADDRESSED.

13

14    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF PEOPLE WISH TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM, THEY  
15    CAN SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT. THEY CAN SIGN UP. OKAY, SO,  
16    WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

17

18    **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOT ON THE ITEM. BUT PUBLIC COMMENT IS FOR ITEMS  
19    THAT AREN'T ON THE AGENDA. THAT IS AN ITEM THAT IS ON THE  
20    AGENDA AND HAS BEEN AGENDIZED. THAT'S THE RULES. AND IF YOU  
21    HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THEN WHY DOES COUNTY  
22    COUNSEL HAVE THE AUDACITY TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY ARE ALLOWED  
23    TO SPEAK ON AND WHAT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON? I'D LIKE  
24    TO KNOW HOW DEBRA FOX, WHAT SHE'S DOING, AND HOW SHE GOT TO BE  
25    THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH IS CONCERNED, HIS FRUSTRATION. HE CAN GO HOME AND  
2 COUNT THE MONEY HE MADE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AT PORTER RANCH. HE  
3 PROBABLY CLEARED CLOSE TO \$500 MILLION.

4

5 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** L.A. CITY.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT WAS L.A. CITY. SO WHY DON'T YOU GET L.A. CITY  
8 IN HERE? NO ON JANICE HAHN. NO ON MITCH ENGLANDER. L.A. CITY.  
9 SO WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE GAS COMPANY?

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE JOSE MARTINEZ, ERIC PREVEN, DARRYL  
12 CRUZ, RUTH SARNOFF.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** SORRY. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. I GOT A LITTLE TANGLED  
15 UP THERE IN MR. SACHS'S CHAIR. OBVIOUSLY MR. SACHS IS CORRECT,  
16 AND THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UNDER THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO  
17 IS A VERY NICE PERSON, ARE HAVING SOME ISSUES WITH THE BROWN  
18 ACT. IF YOU DIDN'T SEE THE NEWSPAPER, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THERE  
19 WAS AN ARTICLE BY ABBIE SEWELL ABOUT MARK SALADINO, WHO WAS  
20 THE FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO IS MAKING ALL SORTS OF WILD  
21 ALLEGATIONS. ACTUALLY HE'S ALLEGING THAT THE BOARD VIOLATED  
22 THE BROWN ACT. SO THAT IS A LITTLE BIT EMBARRASSING. HE CAN  
23 JOIN THE CHORUS OF RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
24 FEEL THAT WAY. THIS MORNING AS I ARRIVED TO THE BUILDING, I  
25 NEARLY COLLIDED WITH ONE OF THE GREAT FORMER PUBLIC WORKS GUYS



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1 NAMED DAVID HOWARD. DAVID HAS JUMPED ABOARD WITH SACHI HAMAI  
2 OVER AT C.E.O. HE HAS BEEN PARKED ON THE AGENDA AT C.S.-4 FOR  
3 VIRTUALLY A MONTH AS ONE OF THE TOP COUNTY NEGOTIATORS. NOW  
4 FOR SOME REASON, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISPATCHED HIM EARLY  
5 SAYING WE'RE DONE. AND I SAID, WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE'RE DONE?  
6 AREN'T YOU ON C.S.-4 TODAY? AND HE LOOKED AT ME LIKE, WHO ARE  
7 YOU? AND THEN THEY ALL LEFT. SO WHAT IS THE READ-OUT ON C.S.-  
8 4? OH, IT'S NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA? OKAY, WELL, IT WAS ON --  
9 ARE YOU SURE? OKAY. WELL, IT'S BEEN ON MULTIPLE AGENDAS  
10 RECENTLY. OH, THEY TOOK IT OFF THE AGENDA. WELL, THANK YOU. I  
11 APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO DETAIL THERE. BUT I WAS CERTAINLY  
12 CONFUSED. AND I DO THINK THAT TRADITIONALLY THE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS LIKES A GOOD CLOSED SESSION WHEN THEY SEE ONE, AND  
14 YET THE PUBLIC IS OFTEN LEFT COMPLETELY IN THE DARK AS TO WHAT  
15 IS GOING ON. AND I ALSO THINK THAT WE'VE SEEN AT THE END OF  
16 THE MEETING IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND JUST BEFORE DURING THE  
17 ADJOURNMENTS, WE HAVE SEEN TYPICALLY FROM MAYOR ANTONOVICH,  
18 BUT OTHERS, AS WELL, LOTS OF DROPPING IN ITEMS AND THEN  
19 DENYING COMMENT. I HAVE SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. AND FINALLY,  
20 PLEASE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU'RE THE -- HERE. TAKE THAT DOWN  
21 THAT AUDIO RECORDING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. THE GUY  
22 FROM THE MIGRAINE SCHOOL WAS APPALLED. EVERYBODY'S APPALLED.  
23 THERE IS NOT PEOPLE JUMPING UP AND TRYING TO THROW BANANAS AT  
24 YOU.

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1     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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3     **ERIC PREVEN:** WE'RE JUST TRYING TO GIVE COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

4

5     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR NOT THROWING BANANAS. NEXT  
6     SPEAKER.

7

8     **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I JUST GOT THE LATEST EDITION OF  
9     "THE DOWNTOWN NEWS." AND THAT HAS DONE WHAT IT DID LAST YEAR  
10    AT THIS SAME TIME ON MAY 18TH WHEN IT LISTED THE 90 PROJECTS  
11    FOR GENTRIFYING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH EMPHASIS ON THE  
12    DOWNTOWN AREA. AND NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER COPY FOLLOWING ALL OF  
13    IT. AND I WOULD URGE YOU TO READ IT. I WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO  
14    THINK OF THE FACT IN PUTTING SUSTAINABILITY TOGETHER WITH  
15    GENTRIFICATION. LET'S LOOK AT IT FOR A MINUTE. NUMBER 1, THESE  
16    ARE BASICALLY MANSIONS IN THE SKY. THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE. AND  
17    THEY ARE -- DO NOT HOUSE LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE. AND THEY USE  
18    HARDWOOD LIKE FROM INDONESIA. THEY USE STEEL. STEEL IS MADE  
19    FROM IRON AND COAL, AND WE'RE TRYING TO PHASE OUT COAL AND  
20    MINING. MINING HAS -- IS SERIOUS IN TERMS OF THE COLORADO  
21    RIVER BECAUSE OF MINING ACCIDENTS AND DUMPING OF STUFF INTO  
22    THE COLORADO RIVER. WE HAVE FORESTS THAT NOW CAN BE LOOKED AT  
23    WITH THE SPECTRUM THAT YOU HAVE FROM OUTER SPACE WHEN YOU'RE  
24    LOOKING AT WHAT ARE THESE STARS COMPOSED OF OR PLANETS AND SO  
25    FORTH. YOU CAN DO THE SAME THING NOW ON FORESTS AND THEY'RE



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1 DOING IT AND THEY'RE FINDING NOT JUST DEAD TREES BUT THEY'RE  
2 FINDING ALL THE DYING TREES. AND IT'S THE DYING TREES AND THE  
3 BEETLES AND IT'S SWEEPING MASSIVELY. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT  
4 SUSTAINABILITY, THE BIG PICTURE, AND ASK OURSELVES HOW WE'RE  
5 GOING GET THE HOMELESS OFF IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING  
6 DIFFERENTLY.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

9

10 **DARRYL CRUZ:** THANK YOU. I'M DARRYL CRUZ, AND INDEED, WHEN DOES  
11 NONCOMPLIANCE RESULT IN NONCOMPLIANCE. ARE YOU GOING TO  
12 ENFORCE THE DISPENSARY BAN? 2006-2009 I USED TO CONTACT JOSEPH  
13 DANGERFIELD IN THE BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICE. I WOULD ASK ABOUT  
14 THE LICENSED STATUS OF A PARTICULAR BUSINESS. HE WOULD SAY  
15 THEY HAD NO LICENSE. THEY WOULD GET RID OF MOST QUICKLY. YOU  
16 REPLACED HIM A FEW TIMES SINCE HIS RETIREMENT. YOU PLACED A  
17 BAN ON DISPENSARIES IN NOVEMBER OF 2010. 2014, A NEW GUY WAS  
18 AT THE BUSINESS LICENSE, AND HE DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THE BAN.  
19 BUT HE TOLD PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS THE BUSINESS PROCEDURES FOR  
20 OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE. WHEN HE GOT THE LIST OF  
21 ADDRESSES FROM OPERATING DISPENSARIES FROM THE COUNTY SHERIFF,  
22 HE SENT OUT LETTERS OFFERING LICENSES. ONE YEAR AGO IN MAY  
23 2015, I CALLED RICK VELASQUEZ IN DON KNABE'S OFFICE AND  
24 EVENTUALLY HE RETURNED MY CALL. I EXPLAINED THERE WAS NO  
25 ENFORCEMENT. HE SAID THEY ENFORCE. I GAVE HIM THE ADDRESSES OF





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1 OPERATING DISPENSARIES. HE DENIED THEIR EXISTENCE. HE SAID  
2 "DISPENSARIES ARE IN DISTRICT 1. IN DISTRICT 4, WE ENFORCE." I  
3 VERIFIED THE ADDRESSES WERE IN DISTRICT 4, AND I CALLED RICK  
4 BACK. RICK DID NOT RETURN MY CALLS. A MEETING WAS SCHEDULED  
5 WITH RICK AND ANGIE IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS FIELD OFFICE, BUT  
6 NOBODY SHOWED UP. IN NOVEMBER I CAME HERE. RICK CONTINUED TO  
7 INSIST THEY DON'T EXIST. I INSISTED HE MEET ME AT THOSE  
8 DISPENSARIES. AFTER BEING TOLD TO LEAVE FROM THE SECOND  
9 DISPENSARY WE VISITED, HE SAID HE WOULD ENFORCE. BOTH OF THOSE  
10 DISPENSARIES OPERATE TODAY. ONE OF THOSE DISPENSARIES AT THE  
11 LOCATION WHERE RICK INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS ACTING ON YOUR  
12 BEHALF IN MAY OF 2005, HE INDICATED HE MADE A DEAL WITH THE  
13 OTHER DISPENSARY AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DEAL WITH US WHERE  
14 WE WOULD NOT OPERATE OUR DISPENSARY UNTIL YOU COME UP WITH  
15 REGULATIONS AND YOU WOULD WORK WITH US. IN MAY OF 2005, THE  
16 OTHER OPERATOR..

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

19

20 **DARRYL CRUZ:** ..CONTINUED TO OPERATE. DON KNABE SAID HE WAS  
21 ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGED AND THEY WERE DISINGENUOUS AND THEY BROKE  
22 THE AGREEMENT.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** THERE WAS NO DEAL MADE, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER 2, WE  
2    ARE ON IT.

3

4    **DARRYL CRUZ:** WE CEASED OPERATING. YOU HELD THE ACTIONS OF THAT  
5    ONE OPERATOR AGAINST US. YOU WORKED AGAINST US.

6

7    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. TIME IS EXPIRED. WHEN  
8    WE'RE ON TIME, EVERYONE HAS A LIMIT. NO, NO, NO, NO. WE HAVE  
9    DEBRA POLI, JOSE MARTINEZ, MICHAEL HUNT, RITA BRANCH. GO  
10    AHEAD, MA'AM.

11

12    **DEBRA POLI:** YES, HI, I'M DEBRA POLI, AND I CAME TO THE BOARD.  
13    I SENT EVERYBODY A NOTICE, ALL BOARD MEMBERS, TO LET THEM KNOW  
14    THAT I HAD REQUESTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNTIL JUNE THE 1ST,  
15    AND I DIDN'T HEAR FROM ANYBODY. BUT YESTERDAY I RECEIVED A  
16    NOTICE THAT I HAD RESIGNED. I DID NOT RESIGN. I REQUESTED A  
17    LEAVE OF ABSENCE BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER'S ILLNESS, WHICH HAS  
18    ESCALATED. I HAVE DOCUMENTS FROM THE DOCTORS SAYING THAT MY  
19    MOTHER NOW NEEDS 24/7 SERVICES, AND ALSO I HAVE A MEETING WITH  
20    THE SOCIAL WORKER TOMORROW SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO ACCOMMODATE  
21    MY MOM'S NEEDS. SO I HAVEN'T BEEN OFF OF WORK JUST MESSING  
22    AROUND, BUT I'M ACTUALLY SAYING THAT I WORK FOR AN AGENCY THAT  
23    SAYS THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR SENIORS, LOOK OUT  
24    FOR THE YOUTH. I'M OBLIGATED BY LAW AS A 37-YEAR OF SERVICE  
25    CIVIL-SERVICE EMPLOYEE, BUT WHEN I HAVE PROBLEMS IN MY OWN



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1 FAMILY, I AM ACTUALLY ATTACKED. AND THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO  
2 ME. BUT I'M COMING TO ASK YOU GUYS TODAY, I REQUESTED A LETTER  
3 FOR CLARITY. I TOLD MY DIRECTOR. I MET WITH HIM, AND TO THIS  
4 DATE I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING. THIS NOTICE WAS DATED LAST  
5 MONTH THAT I RESIGNED. BUT I JUST GOT IT YESTERDAY, 30 DAYS  
6 LATER. I REQUESTED TO GO BACK TO WORK JUNE THE 1ST. THIS IS A  
7 WEEK BEFORE I'M TO RETURN TO WORK. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT AM I  
8 SUPPOSED TO DO? I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I NEED TO GO BACK TO  
9 WORK. I WAS ONLY TAKING CARE OF MY MOTHER. AND THIS DOESN'T  
10 MAKE SENSE THAT I HAVE TO COME HERE AND SPEAK -- PUBLIC SPEAK  
11 ABOUT MY PRIVATE LIFE BECAUSE THIS AGENCY HAS NOT LISTENED TO  
12 ME. I SENT YOU GUYS ALL THE NOTICE. I HAVE THE LETTERS THAT  
13 WENT TO H.R. I HAVE THE RECEIPT THAT SAY SHE ASKED FOR THE  
14 DATE. I GAVE HER THE DATE. I SAID JUNE THE 1ST I WILL RETURN.  
15 I'M MEETING WITH SOCIAL WORKERS. I'M MEETING WITH DOCTORS. MY  
16 MOTHER WAS ON HOSPICE. MY MOTHER IS DOING BETTER NOW. SHE'S  
17 NOT GOING TO LIVE FOREVER, BUT THE TIME SHE'S HERE, SHE HAS A  
18 RIGHT TO BE HAVING PEACE AND JOY AND A LITTLE HAPPINESS. THIS  
19 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, SOMEONE WILL TALK TO YOU OFF TO THE  
22 SIDE HERE. WE'LL GET SOMEONE TO LOOK INTO THAT. THANK YOU. THE  
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL HANDLE IT IF THE D.P.S.S. ISN'T HERE.  
24 OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD,  
25 MA'AM.



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2 **RITA BRANCH:** I'M RITA BRANCH, AND I'M COMING BEFORE YOU GUYS

3 BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TRYING -- MY SON HAS DISABILITIES, AND HIS

4 SCHOOL, THE CHARTER SCHOOL, THE PRINCIPAL HAS JUST BLOCKED ME

5 FOR THE I.E.P. THEY QUIT DOING ANYTHING FROM HIM. MY SON HAS

6 THE RUN OF THAT SCHOOL. I'VE CALLED JOSE UP, CALLED GUTIERREZ,

7 L.A.U.S.D. I HAVE EMAILED HIM. I HAVE SPOKEN TO ROBERT THE

8 ADMINISTRATOR UP UNDER HIM WHO IS THE COORDINATOR. NONE OF

9 THOSE GUYS. I'VE BEEN TALKED TO RUDELY AND BADLY. MY SON IS

10 RUNNING AMOK AFTER SCHOOL. I HAVE ASKED FOR CALLS. I HAVE

11 ASKED FOR THEM TO SEND AN AIDE FOR HIM. AND I AM BEING DENIED

12 WITH AN I.E.P. I WAS TOLD IF I DIDN'T SIGN THE I.E.P. FOR THE

13 STUFF THAT I ASKED FOR, I WOULD BE BLOCKED. SO I'VE BEEN

14 BLOCKED. I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THEM SINCE LAST YEAR. HERE WE

15 ARE. THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO BE OUT, AND MY SON STILL HAS

16 NOT BEEN SERVICED. I CALLED ANGELA KAUFMAN FROM L.A. CITY

17 DISABILITY TO ASK HER SINCE DECEMBER 2015. I HAVE NOT GOTTEN

18 ONE CALL FROM HER BACK YET. AT ALL. EVERYBODY HAS FAILED ME. I

19 HAVE CALLED ALL OF YOU, L.A.U.S.D., TO SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT MY

20 SON. MY SON HAS DISABILITIES, AND THEY ARE STILL IGNORING HIM.

21 I WAS EVEN TOLD, WHY DON'T I GIVE HIM MEDICINE? IS HE ON

22 MEDICINE? HE STANDS -- HE HAS A SIZE 8 SHOE, HE STANDS 4'9",

23 AND HE'S SITTING IN A CHAIR THIS SMALL. HE SLUMPS OVER. HE

24 ALREADY HAS CEREBRAL PALSY. WHAT ELSE DO I HAVE TO BEG FOR? MY

25 SON NEEDS A TABLE. HE HAS OTHER DISABILITIES. THEY KNOW HE



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1 GETS AGGRAVATED AND PLACED OUT OF CLASS EVERY DAY. I COULD  
2 WALK INTO THAT OFFICE AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND SEE MY SON SITTING  
3 THERE. I HAVE DOCUMENTED EVERY MONTH. SINCE IT STARTED. HE'S  
4 OUT OF HIS CLASSROOM FOR THREE TO TWO WEEKS AT A TIME. HE  
5 NEVER GOES BACK TO HIS CLASSROOM. WHERE IS HIS HOMEWORK? I  
6 HAVE PROBLEMS. THE PRINCIPAL IS A YES PERSON, AND WHEN I  
7 LEAVE, SHE DOES NOTHING.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, SOMEBODY FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
10 WILL TAKE YOUR CONCERNS, AND WE'LL SEND THEM ON TO L.A.U.S.D.,  
11 BECAUSE THIS IS L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF ED. THIS IS A CHARTER  
12 SCHOOL, AND IT'S IN L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
13 JURISDICTION. SO, WE'LL TRY TO HELP YOU IN THAT MANNER.

14

15 **RITA BRANCH:** WHAT ABOUT THE CITY FOR HIS DISABILITY? I'VE BEEN  
16 CALLING FOR THAT, ALSO.

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18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. BUT THAT'S IN PART THEIR  
19 RESPONSIBILITY. SO, PLEASE MEET WITH OUR STAFF OFF TO THE  
20 FLOOR OVER THERE. THANK YOU.

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22 **RITA BRANCH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, AGAIN I'M CALLING MICHAEL HUNT AND  
25 JOSE MARTINEZ.



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2 **MICHAEL HUNT:** THAT'S BETTER KNOWN AS THE RED CHIEF HUNT,  
3 SHOULD BE THE NAME ON THE CARD. I'M A STICKLER FOR THE FIRST  
4 AMENDMENT AND THE BROWN ACT. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS HAVE  
5 EVER SEEN ME IN ACTION, BUT I DO GET VERY ACTION AND VERY  
6 CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE BROWN ACT. SO, PLEASE CALL ME THE RED CHIEF  
7 HUNT. THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT  
8 IS D.C.F.S. IN 2007, ME AND DR. HERSHEL SWINGER WAS TO CORRECT  
9 THE PROBLEM WHERE THE STAFF WAS TRAINED IN THINGS LIKE THAT.  
10 HERE'S MY RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE DO HAVE THE  
11 MANUALS, AND DR. RONALD BANKS OVER AT THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE  
12 HAS THE MANUAL. I REQUEST THAT HE START TRAINING AS IF DR.  
13 HERSHEL SWINGER WAS THERE. THAT'S HIS PREDECESSOR. AND I WANT  
14 TO DO AN ASSESSMENT ON THAT EVERY 90 DAYS. D.C.F.S. IS DEAR TO  
15 ME. I WATCHED ANITA BALK AND I WATCHED SANDERS AND I WATCHED A  
16 LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE, BUT DR. HERSHEL SWINGER IS LIKE MY  
17 FATHER, SO I WANT THAT PROBLEM CORRECTED RIGHT AWAY AND I WANT  
18 TRAINING IN THERE EVERY 90 DAYS. AND THEN ON ANOTHER BEHALF,  
19 I'D LIKE TO THANK KELLY EMILY, THE DEPUTY DISTRICT DEPUTY  
20 CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICES. AT THIS  
21 TIME I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU ALL STAND UP AND GIVE HER A ROUND OF  
22 APPLAUSE FOR WORKING WITH YOU, BECAUSE I'M VERY COMPLICATED.  
23 [APPLAUSE.] THAT'S ALL I NEED TO SAY. I'M VERY SERIOUS ABOUT  
24 THAT. SHE KEPT ME OUT OF HERE WITH THAT RED CHIEF HUNT SUIT  
25 ON. YOU GUYS DON'T LIKE THAT. SO YOU GUYS REALLY NEED TO GO





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1 GIVE HER A COMPLIMENT AND A THANKS FOR KEEPING ME OUT OF HERE  
2 WITH THAT, BECAUSE IT COULD BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND. I COULD  
3 BE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE L.A. TIMES, AND THE RED CHIEF HUNT  
4 DON'T LIKE THAT. LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING. GIVE HER A  
5 COMMENDATION. SHE'S DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB. THANKS YOU, KELLY.  
6 THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR ME, AND THANK YOU FOR NOT  
7 LETTING ME GO. AND LIKE I SAID, THE D.C.S. POLICY NEEDS TO BE  
8 FIXED RIGHT AWAY. CALL DR. RONALD BANKS AND START TRAINING.

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10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OSCAR MOHAMMED AND MARY JACOBS.

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12 **MARY JACOBS:** I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER  
13 THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES WHERE THEY  
14 TAKE THE BABY, THE INFANTS, RIGHT FROM THE NEW MOTHER AND  
15 IMMEDIATELY PREPARE IT TO BE EITHER ADOPTED OR PUT IN FOSTER  
16 CARE. THERE'S A PENDING CASE, AND I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN NAME  
17 HER, BUT SHE'S IN YOUR DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND SHE  
18 JUST HAD A NEWBORN BABY AND HER CHILDREN ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY  
19 FROM HER UNDER FALSE PRETENSES, I BELIEVE. SHE'S HIRED  
20 ATTORNEYS FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, HER OWN PEOPLE TO  
21 TAKE CARE OF THE OBSERVATIONS BECAUSE THE MONITORS THAT THE  
22 COUNTY PROVIDED, SHE FELT WERE LYING. AND THERE ARE CASES OF  
23 CORRUPTION THAT ARE JUST -- JUST REQUIRE SOME -- STUNNING,  
24 OKAY, BECAUSE WE'RE SPENDING LOTS OF MONEY OF OUR TAXES TO PAY  
25 FOR THESE CHILDREN TO BASICALLY BE STOLEN. AND I DON'T LIKE



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1 DOING THAT, OKAY? ANYWAY, THIS CHILD IS IN CEDARS-SINAI. HE  
2 WAS BORN A WEEK AGO, AND I TOLD HER, GO BE A COW. YOU KNOW,  
3 GIVE IT MILK. TELL THESE PEOPLE THAT A BABY INFANT DESERVES AT  
4 LEAST A YEAR, AT LEAST A YEAR OF NURSING INSTEAD OF PUTTING IT  
5 ON FORMULA AND MAKING THIS POOR CHILD THAT'S ALREADY IN  
6 NEONATAL TO BE EVEN LESS HEALTHY. THE MAN NEXT TO ME LAST WEEK  
7 WHO WAS TALKING ABOUT HOMELESS PEOPLE SAID MOST OF THE  
8 HOMELESS KIDS WERE IN FOSTER CARE. MOST OF THE ADOPTED KIDS  
9 GROW UP WONDERING WHY MY MOM DIDN'T LIKE ME. DON'T BE A PARTY  
10 TO STEALING CHILDREN AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEIR KIDS. I  
11 MAY BE, BY THE WAY, IN THAT FAMILY, BECAUSE MY HUSBAND IS  
12 POSSIBLY THE FATHER. SO I HAVE AN INTEREST IN MAKING SURE THAT  
13 BABY GETS GOOD CARE. PLEASE, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING  
14 WHEN YOU STEAL KIDS AWAY FROM THE MOMS.

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16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OSCAR MOHAMMED?

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18 **OSCAR MHOMMED:** YEAH, I HEAR THE WORD HOMELESS. IT SEEM LIKE  
19 HOMELESS IS A WORD OF STIGMA, YOU KNOW, LIKE BLACK FOLK, WE  
20 CARRY STIGMA WITH US. WE'RE THE FAILURE IN SOCIETY SO THAT WE  
21 LOOK LIKE A BEAST OF BURDEN. ALL THE PROBLEM IS POINTED TO THE  
22 BLACK PEOPLE. BUT ANYWAY, THE AFRICAN WAS HERE FIRST, THE  
23 MUSLIM FROM LIBERIA WAS FIRST, THE ISRAELITES CAME SECOND, AND  
24 THE EUROPEANS CAME THIRD. THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OF  
25 LIBERIA, THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OF AMERICA ARE THE



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1 SAME BOOKS. THE MUSLIMS STARTED THIS COUNTRY, AND THE FOUNDING  
2 FATHERS CANNOT BE ORDERED. IF WE HAD WENT STRAIGHT, BUT  
3 SOMETIME WE STRAYED OFF AND WENT IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. BUT  
4 ANYWAY, NO GROUP, NO RACE SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ANOTHER  
5 RACE. THAT'S WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAID, AND WHOEVER GOD SAID  
6 IS A RACIST, HE SHOULD HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER BLACK PEOPLES.  
7 EVERYBODY SAYS STAY IN BEVERLY HILLS AND MOVE BLACK PEOPLE OFF  
8 SKID ROW. GIVE THE HOMELESS PEOPLE TICKET AND A LUNCH BAG AND  
9 SEND THEM BACK TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM. BUT THAT TYPE OF WAY,  
10 HE WOULD LOSE TOO MUCH REVENUES, BECAUSE THE REVENUES ARE  
11 SEVERELY AND GROSSLY MISMANAGEMENT. WE GOT INACCOUNTABILITY  
12 AND WITHOUT ANY CHECKS. WE SHOULD STOP POLICE BRUTALITY, LOS  
13 ANGELES POLICEMEN SHOOTING BLACK PEOPLE IN THE HEAD, IN THE  
14 BACK, UNARMED PEOPLE. THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY AND THERE'S NO  
15 CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR ACTION IN CRIMINAL COURT. AND THERE'S NO  
16 CRIMINAL COURT. AMERICA WOULD BE A MUCH BETTER LAND IF WE  
17 COULD LIVE BY THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNED US. BUT, ANYWAY,  
18 THE CHRISTIANITY IS THE NUMBER-ONE LARGER RELIGION IN AMERICA  
19 AND ISLAM IS THE SECOND LARGEST RELIGION IN AMERICA. THE IMAM  
20 IN CHICAGO IS THE LEADER OVER 2-1/2 MILLION AFRICAN-AMERICANS  
21 IN AMERICA. BUT THE MUSLIM, AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSLIM IS RICH.  
22 THEY ARE VERY RICH. BUT AFRICAN-AMERICANS PEOPLE IN  
23 CHRISTIANITY IS VERY, VERY POOR. THEY DON'T PRODUCE NOTHING IT  
24 LOOKS LIKE. IT LOOKS LIKE JUST ANOTHER TO BRING MORE MONEY SO  
25 I CAN KEEP UP MY EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO GO TO LANCASTER.  
3 WE HAVE MICHAEL JENKINS ON THE LINE.

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5 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** HELLO, BOARD MEMBERS. EVANGELIST AND ACTIVIST  
6 MICHAEL JENKINS AGAIN COMING TO TALK TO YOU ALL ABOUT WHAT'S  
7 GOING ON IN THIS ANTELOPE VALLEY PLANTATION. OKAY, I ASK YOU  
8 ALL TO GO TO MY ACTIVIST'S SITE, DR. DIANA BEARD, B.E.A.R.D.,  
9 WILLIAMS, OR DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS, B.E.A.R.D., AND IT WILL  
10 EXPLAIN TO YOU EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THIS PLANTATION.  
11 IT'S NOT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ANYMORE. IT'S THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
12 PLANTATION. MIKE ANTONOVICH, YOU KNOW THIS. MIKE ANTONOVICH,  
13 YOU KNOW DR. WILLIAMS. YOU KNOW THAT SHE HAS CONNECTIONS. YOU  
14 KNOW THAT SHE'S BEEN HERE FOR 30 YEARS PLUS AND WHAT SHE CAN  
15 DO. YOU KNOW THAT SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT WHERE THE BODIES ARE  
16 BURIED. HER BOOK IS COMING OUT, SO, "ABSENCE OF HONOR." IT HAS  
17 YOU IN IT. IT HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE IN IT, MIKE ANTONOVICH.  
18 OKAY. THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT THAT. NOW WE GOT A FEW MORE SECONDS  
19 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE COURTHOUSE YESTERDAY. IT WAS A  
20 TRAGEDY. D.C.F.S. WROTE UP A LOT OF LIES ABOUT ME, WROTE UP A  
21 LOT OF THINGS ABOUT ME. THE JUDGE DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR IT. IT'S  
22 NOT FAIR. BUT THEN I'M NOT GOING TO CRY ABOUT THAT. I'M JUST  
23 GOING TO KEEP FIGHTING FOR MY GRANDDAUGHTER, MIKE ANTONOVICH.  
24 I'M GOING TO KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL I GET MY GRANDDAUGHTER THAT'S  
25 ILL. I SAW THINGS ON THE REPORT YESTERDAY THAT MADE ME WANT TO



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1 CRY. ALL I ASKED WAS FOR YOU TO HELP ME. I SEE YOU, MIKE.  
2 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP ME, OKAY. I HAVE TO DO THIS ON MY  
3 OWN. OKAY, MY SPECIAL NEEDS SON, I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM ON  
4 MY OWN, MIKE. I ASKED FOR YOUR HELP. I'M NOT GETTING IT.  
5 THAT'S FINE, MIKE. GO AHEAD AND TERM OUT. DO WHAT YOU DO BEST.  
6 HIDE BEHIND A ROCK, MIKE. THAT'S WHAT YOU DO BEST, MIKE  
7 ANTONOVICH. TERM OUT, HIDE BEHIND THE ROCK THAT YOU'RE  
8 SUPPOSED TO BEHIND, OKAY? I'M GOING DO THIS. I'M GOING GET MY  
9 GRANDDAUGHTER.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU. WE HAVE TERRY  
12 SIGMUND, ZAN SIGMUND, LES SIGMUND, AND HERMAN HERMAN. GO  
13 AHEAD, MA'AM.

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15 **TERRY SIGMUND:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE  
16 THAT WHEN WE CAME HERE LAST, YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO  
17 INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION.

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19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

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21 **TERRY SIGMUND:** TERRY SIGMUND, AND THAT DID NOT HAPPEN. THE  
22 ABUSE THAT MY CHILDREN SUSTAINED HAS NOT BEEN INVESTIGATED.  
23 IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN INVESTIGATED, QUOTE, "UNFOUNDED," BUT IT'S  
24 BEEN INVESTIGATED WITHOUT INVESTIGATING. SO, YOU ALL COVER FOR  
25 EACH OTHER, IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK. WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO WAY.



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1 ANOTHER THING IS, WHICH IS UNBELIEVABLE, SOMEBODY CAME,  
2 SOMEBODY ALLEGEDLY COMPLAINED THAT I'M BEATING MY CHILDREN.  
3 WHAT'S VERY INTERESTING, THOUGH, IS FOR SIX MONTHS, NOBODY  
4 CAME FROM THE D.C.F.S., WHICH I FIND UNBELIEVABLE, BECAUSE IN  
5 THOSE SIX MONTHS, IF WHAT WAS SAID WAS TRUE, THEY WOULD BE  
6 DEAD, LIKE GABRIEL, WHO HAS A HEARING TODAY ON THE MURDERS OF  
7 HIM. THE THING IS, WHEN THEY CAME SIX MONTHS LATER, FIRST OF  
8 ALL, THE GOOD THING IS THE POLICE CAME RIGHT AWAY, BECAUSE  
9 THERE WAS ACTUALLY -- THERE WAS NOTHING GOING ON, WHICH THE  
10 POLICE SAW, BECAUSE THEY CHECKED THE CHILDREN AND THERE WAS  
11 NOTHING. SO THERE IS RECORD ABOUT AN INVESTIGATION WITH THE  
12 POLICE. BUT THE D.C.F.S. COMES BY SIX MONTHS LATER AND THEN  
13 WRITES IN A LETTER THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS INCONCLUSIVE.  
14 WELL, THIS IS VERY SELF-SERVING. IF YOU SHOW UP SIX MONTHS  
15 WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP WITHIN 30 DAYS AND THEN YOU  
16 SAY IT'S INCONCLUSIVE ON MY RECORD, THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S  
17 SOMETHING GOING ON, THAT IT'S INCONCLUSIVE, YOU SHOW UP SIX  
18 MONTHS LATER AT ANYTHING, IT SHOULD BE INCONCLUSIVE. WHAT ARE  
19 YOU EVER GOING TO SAY IT'S CONCLUSIVE? WHAT COULD YOU  
20 CONCLUSIVELY COULD YOU POSSIBLE DECIDE SIX MONTHS LATER. THIS  
21 IS SO IRRESPONSIBLE. AND IT'S THE SAME THING WHEN I WAS TOLD I  
22 WAS ALLEGEDLY NURSING LIKE A PERVERT BY A D.C.F.S., UH, WHAT  
23 WAS HER FACE? WHATEVER HER NAME WAS. THERE IS ALLEGEDLY  
24 NURSING SEXUALLY. IT DOESN'T EXIST. I HAVE TO REPORT MYSELF. I  
25 WENT TO THE D.A. LIKE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON TO HAVE SUCH





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1 NONSENSE INVESTIGATED. WHEN CRIMES ARE ALLEGED, THERE SHOULD  
2 BE A REAL INVESTIGATION AND NOT THIS FARCE SHOWING UP SIX  
3 MONTHS LATER AND SAYING YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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7 **SUMTON SIGMUND:** MY NAME IS SUMTON SIGMUND. THE D.C.F.S. ALWAYS  
8 SAID HORRIBLE THINGS ABOUT MY MOTHER, ESPECIALLY JAMIE HINEY.  
9 YOU THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SAID YOU WILL INVESTIGATE THE  
10 ABUSE WE SUFFERED. SOMEBODY WAS SUPPOSED TO SPEAK TO ME. THAT  
11 NEVER HAPPENED. BUT YOU CLOSED THE CASE SAYING MY EXPERIENCE,  
12 MY ABUSE UNFOUNDED. THAT IS DESPICABLE. I AM NOT GOING AWAY,  
13 BECAUSE THIS IS CRIMINAL. I WANT MY BELONGINGS BACK FROM THE  
14 HOUSE THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO LIVE IN BECAUSE OF THE D.C.F.S.  
15 LYING ABOUT MY MOTHER. THE MONEY IS MINE, TOO. WHEN I WAS  
16 RETURNING HOME, THE ONLY --

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18 **TERRY SIGMUND:** HE ONLY LET ME BRING A PENCIL? WHAT DOES THAT  
19 MEAN? A PENCIL SIZED BOX. AND YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT  
20 NOW. WHEN I WAS AT THE FOSTER CARE'S HOUSE, THE THERAPIST  
21 SAID, "WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WITH YOUR BAD MOTHER?" SHE ALSO  
22 SAID BAD STUFF ABOUT HER. I DON'T REMEMBER NOW. AND IT WAS IN  
23 FRONT OF THOSE PEOPLE GIVING ME A LOOK THAT SCARED ME, SO I  
24 SAID YES. SO THEY HAD NORMAL FACES, THOSE PEOPLE. NOW I WISH I  
25 HAD SAID YES EVEN THOUGH I FELT PRESSURED. THERE I ALWAYS WANT



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1 TO BE WITH MY MAMA, BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT. PLEASE BLESS THE  
2 CHILDREN WHO ARE MISTREATED BY CUSTODIANS AND DO NOT DIE  
3 BECAUSE OF THEM. THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE TWO MORE SPEAKERS. LES.

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7 **LES SIGMUND:** WHEN I WAS LIVING WITH THOSE MONSTERS,

8 [INAUDIBLE] ACTUALLY SAW -- [INAUDIBLE]

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10 **TERRY SIGMUND:** SAY IT OUT LOUD WHAT YOU MEANT. THE MAN YOU  
11 WERE LIVING WITH?

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13 **LES SIGMUND:** THE MAN I WAS LIVING WITH, I ACTUALLY SAW HIS  
14 PRIVATES. [INADUDIBLE]

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16 **TERRY SIGMUND:** WHICH IS ALSO SUPPOSED TO BE INVESTIGATED.

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18 **LES SIGMUND:** AND I GOT LOCKED IN A ROOM WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

19 [INAUDIBLE].

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21 **TERRY SIGMUND:** YOU SAID YOUR BROTHER WASN'T EATING?

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23 **LES SIGMUND:** NO. MY BROTHER WASN'T EATING FOR THREE DAYS.

24 NOBODY DID ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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1   **TERRY SIGMUND:** THIS IS ALL A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS THAT MY  
2   CHILDREN HAVE EXPRESSED THAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO  
3   INVESTIGATE. MY CHILDREN ARE HERE. THEY WANT THEIR STUFF BACK.  
4   THE FOUR, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS THEY SAVED BECAUSE I GAVE THEM  
5   MONEY. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO STEAL FROM THESE CHILDREN. YOU  
6   HAVE NO RIGHT TO IGNORE US. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CLOSE CASES.  
7   YOU ARE GOIGN TO DIE BEFORE THESE CHILDREN EVER GO AWAY. YOU  
8   WILL REALLY NOT SEE THEM GO AWAY, THAT THEY WILL NOT COME. MY  
9   CHILDREN ARE FINDING THEIR VOICE. YOU DON'T HAVE THEM UNDER  
10   YOUR COMMAND ANYMORE. YOU CAN'T HIDE THEM FROM JUDGES. YOU  
11   CAN'T HIDE THEM. YOU CAN'T LIE ABOUT THEM. YOU CAN'T LIE ABOUT  
12   ME. YOU CAN STILL LIE ABOUT ME. BUT THEY ARE FINDING THEIR  
13   VOICE. AND THIS ONE'S A CARBON COPY OF ME, SO JUST IMAGINE HOW  
14   MUCH MY CASE IS GOING TO AWAY. SHE'S JUST BETTER OFF DEALING  
15   WITH THE SITUATION. YOU BETTER OFF STOP LYING, STOP HIDING,  
16   STOP IGNORING. YOU'RE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THESE POOR CHILDREN  
17   THAT I'VE COME HERE. I'VE TOLD YOU SO MUCH THAT WAS GOING ON.  
18   I HAVE EVIDENCE. I STILL HAVE -- OH, BY THE WAY, JUST IN CASE  
19   THE NEXT NEW THING WITH, YOU KNOW, WITH ALL THESE ALLEGATIONS,  
20   I MEAN, BY ACCIDENT I GOT DRUG TESTED. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW  
21   THAT, THAT IS WAS A DRUG TESTING WITH THIS THING. SO, IF THIS  
22   IS THE NEXT THING YOU WERE GOING TO SAY, I MEAN, WE'RE NOW  
23   HAVING -- WE'RE LIVING IN A STATE WHERE WE WANT TO PROVE  
24   EVERYTHING ABOUT OURSELVES BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS ARE



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1 GOING TO END UP DOING. AND YOU NEED TO FIX THIS AND HOLD  
2 ACCOUNTABLE THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, THERE'S AN AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE  
5 FROM D.C.F.S. THAT WILL TALK TO YOU ON THE SIDE OVER THERE,  
6 OKAY? OR ONE OF OUR STAFF FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. LAST  
7 SPEAKER?

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9 **HERMAN HERMAN:** CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECH. WHAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE  
10 SPEECH NOWADAYS UNDER THE 54950 RULE OR THE MUNICIPAL CODE?  
11 WHAT IS THE BROWN ACT? WE'VE HEARD IT ON THE NEWS FOR THE LAST  
12 WEEK. WAYNE SPINDLER, WAYNE SPINDLER, CALL OUT TO WAYNE  
13 SPINDLER. WAYNE SPINDLER'S NOT A RACIST. I CAN VOUCH FOR HIM.  
14 AND THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO CAN, AS WELL. WAYNE SPINDLER  
15 PUT ON A CARD AS MUCH AS I PUT ON MY CARD THE GARBAGE OF WHAT  
16 WE THINK OF THOSE OF US WHO THINK WE'RE HORRIBLE PEOPLE  
17 BECAUSE WE DEFEND THE PUBLIC FROM CORRUPTION, EMBEZZLEMENT,  
18 FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE SUCH AS YOU HEARD TIME OVER AND OVER  
19 ABOUT POOR DEVELOPMENT FOR US VETERANS, THE VETERANS IN OUR  
20 COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO PUT THEIR HEAD TO REST. AND  
21 WHAT ABOUT THE SAME PEOPLE LIKE THIS FAMILY HERE CRYING, THE  
22 CHILDREN? IT IRKS ME. IT IRKS ME THE MOST TO CALL OUT TO  
23 BATMAN TO GO TO THE L.A. POLICE COMMISSION MEETING THIS  
24 MORNING WITH THE RED CHIEF TO ANNOUNCE WHY DO YOU STRIKE DOWN  
25 WAYNE SPINDLER? HE'S NOT A RACIST. IF HE'S A RACIST THEN I'M A



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1 RACIST. WE'RE ALL RACISTS. BUT WE'RE NOT. HERB WESSON, JR. IS  
2 NOT HERB WESSON, JR. HIS NAME IS HERMAN. HERMAN WESSON, JR.  
3 PERJURY. ON THE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY. CITY CHARTER RULES.  
4 VIOLATION. PERJURY. PERJURY. PERJURY. VOTE NO FOR MITCH  
5 ENGLANDER FOR COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR. 54954. VOTE NO FOR  
6 JANICE HAHN COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR SEAT, BECAUSE NONE OF THEM  
7 EXIST. GO TO THE CITY MEETING TODAY. MITCH ENGLANDER IS  
8 ABSENT. STOP SACRIFICING POLITICAL SPEECH TO A --

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10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'LL NOW BE TAKEN INTO  
11 CLOSED SESSION BY OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
16 C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
17 LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
18 EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE  
19 ADVISED THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
20 IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 31ST, 2016, BEGINNING AT 1 P.M.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 24, 2016

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-4.

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7 In open session item CS-1 was referred back to County Counsel.

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9 In open session item CS-3 was continued one week to May 31,  
10 2016.

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